OLD OAK · 1673 · 1869
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE · NOVEMBER 1970
PIONEER REGIONAL SCHOOL · SEPTEMBER · 1957
1673 · TERCENTENARY · 1973
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASS.
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SETTLED 1673 · INC. 1723
THE FERRY · 1686 · 1938
FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN AUGUST · 1767
SCHELL'S CASTLE · 1903 · 1963
DICKINSON LIBRARY · 1897
MOODY BIRTHPLACE · 1823
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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

1972

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the TOWN of

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

For the year ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1972

TOWN OFFICERS

March 1972 to March 1973

MODERATOR

Corys M. Heselton

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

SELECTMEN

Stanley J. Powers, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires March 1974
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.	Term expires March 1975

ASSESSORS

William G. Roberts	Term expires March 1973
Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman	Term expires March 1974
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires March 1975

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires March 1975

TREASURER

Marie A. Wickey	Term expires March 1973

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires March 1974
Philip N. Nelson	Term expires March 1975

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Guy H. Cote	Term expires March 1973
John H. Thayer	Term expires March 1975

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Evelyn H. Parker	Term expires March 1973
William H. Hawley, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1974
Elsie S. Scott	Term expires March 1974
Margaret Lloyd Jones	Term expires March 1975
Henry B. Prescott, Jr.	Term expires March 1975

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Owen Stacey	Term expires March 1973
Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1974
Richard H. Bassett	Term expires March 1975

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires March 1974

CONSTABLES

Kenneth J. Cort	Term expires March 1974
Joseph J. DeMaria	Term expires March 1974
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1974
William J. Young	Term expires March 1974

PLANNING BOARD

Harold A. Newton (resigned) Evelyn H. Becker (appointed)	Term expires March 1973
David G. Quinn	Term expires March 1974
John Carson, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
Norman F. Fowler	Term expires March 1976
John T. Callahan	Term expires March 1977

BOARD OF HEALTH

Doris D. Hosley	Term expires March 1973
Edward D. Hyrne	Term expires March 1974
Rua J. Morgan, Chairman	Term expires March 1975

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Allen M. Sibley	Term expires March 1973
Carl A. Pelzel, Chairman	Term expires March 1974

Stanley E. Johnson	Term expires March 1975

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight P. Stearns, Secretary	Term expires March 1973
Stanley T. Wickey	Term expires March 1973
Charles W. Llewelyn	Term expires March 1974
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires March 1974
Frederick J. Billiel, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
Wallace F. Reddy	Term expires March 1975

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Edwin Finch, Chairman
Frank R. Foster, III
Mrs. David Gibson
Charles E. Welner
Sally F. Lindgren
Mrs. William Messer
William R. Giles

REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Willis K. Parker
David J. Mroczek
Wallace E. Stange, Chairman

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fred Fuller
Howard H. Maynard
Thomas R. Shearer (resigned)
Frank J. Rockwell (appointed)
Marian A. Holbrook

TOWN HALL KITCHEN STUDY COMMITTEE

Herbert H. Maynard
Stanley Gorzocoski
Agnes R. Wickey, Chairman

TOWN REFUSE DISPOSAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Edward D. Hyrne, Chairman
Chadwick T. Glover
Leonard N. Lanphear
Charles W. Llewelyn
Howard E. Williams

K-6 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Philip N. Nelson, Chairman
Irene A. Jurkowski
Barbara Ann Walker

1972-1973 JURY LIST

Edwin C. Becker
Arthur H. Bolton, Jr.
J. Regan Brown
Homer F. Browning, Jr.
Duncan F. Campbell
Raymond E. Clark
Hamilton S. Cregar
James R. Dale
Edward E. Doolittle
Hubert J. Eastman
Ora H. Gilligan
Laurence M. Hammond
Corys M. Heselton
Richard Herzig
Everett T. Hurlburt
Louis W. Koonz
Leonard Lanphear
Orvil E. Mirtz
Willis K. Parker
Edward V. Tenney
Owen Stacey

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1973

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler	Term expires July 1974

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Edward Davis

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Marvin Holloway
Ernest Lawrence
David G. Quinn

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Harold F. Bigelow, Jr.
Joseph G. Morgan

Joseph J. DeMaria
Walford L. Meacham
Eugene L. Miller
David A. Miller
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Dwight P. Stearns
William J. Young

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS-FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Alan S. Bolton
Harold L. Johnson
Frederick G. Parker
David G. Quinn
John D. Ware

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Alan S. Bolton Term expires March 1973

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Dominick J. Ferrante
Frank S. Kelley
Dorothy Banash
Donald D. Smith
Warren E. Whitney
Edward Connors, Jr.
Edward S. Dwight

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond Term expires April 1973

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.
Fredd M. Fuller
Robert L. Gibson
Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

William J. Young

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

HEALTH INSPECTOR

John A. Brickett

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeil

Everon P. Pollen

WIRING INSPECTOR

Stanley J. Powers

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Peter Leyden, Jr. (resigned)	Doris S. Balk (appointed)
	Term expires March 1973
Laurence M. Hammond	Term expires March 1974
John A. Hogan	Term expires March 1975

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Catherine E. Gilbert
Helen M. Greene
Ann P. James
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Helen M. Stearns

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Dolores R. Avery
Mary L. Holton
Mychaeline H. Skinner
Dorena G. Johnson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Stanley Wickey	Term expires March 1973
Elizabeth Leyden	Term expires March 1974
Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.	Term expires March 1974
Arthur E. James, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
Carolyn M. Spencer	Term expires March 1975
Irwin M. Severance	Term expires March 1976
Gladys C. Bistrek	Term expires March 1976

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harold A. Newton, Chairman	Term expires December 1973
George L. Partridge	Term expires December 1974
Harvey H. Hatheway	Term expires December 1975
Norma A. Stearns	Associate Member
Stanley Gorzocoski	Associate Member

TERCENTENARY STEERING COMMITTEE

Frederick Balk
Gladys Bistrek
Alfred Holton
Ann James
George M. Leonard, Chairman
David Mroczek
Dorothy Pollen
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Ray K. Thompson
William Walker, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, twenty-four diseased Elm trees were removed. There were twenty-six samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of twenty-six trees were found positive and they should be removed.

The mosquito and black fly spraying was continued. This service is available on private properties if requested by the owners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BASSETT

Moth Superintendent

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1972 was another busy one for selectmen. Highlights of the year included the following occurences.

The Northfield Pumped Storage facility was completed although it suffered over a $10 million setback in the spring when the main tunnel was flooded due to equipment and malfunctioning. However, by October operations were begun when the first machine was successfully put "on the line." Also completed was the river crossing at Bennett Meadows and Route 10 from the railroad crossing to Main Street. The new bridge and road now make Northfield more easily accessible to all and provide a safer highway for citizens and all those who pass through the Town.

The Town purchased the former Slate home which is located adjacent to the Town Hall for conversion into sorely needed office space for Town committees and departments. Presently, the Tercentenary Committee and the Recreation Department are putting it to good use. The Tercentenary Committee, under the able leadership of George Leonard and Ray Thompson, are completing plans for the gala affair during 1973.

Because of increasing responsibilities and needs, the Planning Board and Board of Appeals were separated into individual committees, thus ensuring more comprehensive coverage of their respective functions. The sewer plant, which is a federally and state funded program under the Clear Water Act was placed in operation during the summer and serves Meadow Road, Parker Avenue, the Northfield Schools and East Northfield.

The Selectmen, Finance Committee, Assessors and Tax Collector have attended many meetings and seminars sponsored by the State to familiarize all towns with Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1971 which created the fiscal year cycle which runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Commencing with January 1, 1973, there will be a transitional period of 18 months for all towns to set up operations on this basis. The results of this change in operations should eliminate the necessity of borrowing large sums of money in anticipation of payments by State and Federal agencies governed by the fiscal year as opposed to town operations which were on a calendar year basis.

An unresolved issue at year's end is the continued pressure from the State Board of Health for Northfield to abandon the present open town dump at Parker Avenue and construct a land fill and recycling of materials area as prescribed by recent State legislation. A special town meeting failed to take definite action and this is one area which must be resolved during the next year. Because of the expenses involved in establishing such an operation, the Selectmen have been meeting with officials of surrounding towns regarding regional cooperation in establishing such a system.

There were 76 building permits issued this year totaling $415,435.

In conclusion, the Board of Selectmen wish to thank all the citizens of Northfield who have served the town. As is evident in this report, Northfield can no longer be considered a small village but is being caught up in the intricacies of operations and problems formerly associated with large cities. For this reason, the continued cooperation and awareness of these problems by the citizens of Northfield is necessary to make the transition into new areas as smooth as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Powers, Chairman
Carolyn Parenteau
Thomas Russell

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1972. This past year twelve trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

This spring ten trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V. F. W. Hall, West Northfield Playground Flagpole, Fire Station, and on five stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BASSETT
Tree Warden

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1972

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATION		
(1) To be raised by Taxation	$ 834,124.43	
(2) To be taken from Available Funds	174,165.10	
		$ 1,008,289.53
School Lunch Program	1,926.12	
Free Public Libraries	986.63	
Veterans District Service	2,464.70	
County Retirement System	8,035.20	
		13,410.65
COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT		
County Tax (1972 Estimate)	32,287.82	
		32,287.82
STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS		
State Recreation Areas (Including 1971 Underestimate)	5,765.15	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	5,768.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	308.40	
State Assessment System	105.24	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	205.10	
		12,151.99
Overlay of Current Year		29,003.92
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		1,095,787.95

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	188,354.17
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	65,636.66
Licenses	2,572.00
Fines	173.00
General Government	487.00
Health and Sanitation	4,245.00
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	300.00

Recreation	246.00	
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments $1,299.00	1,299.00	
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	2,033.00	
		$ 265,345.83
Overestimates (State recreation Areas)	761.69	
(Air Pollution Control)	13.14	
Amounts Voted to be taken from Available Funds		
Available Funds	16,969.82	
Free Cash	187,195.28	
		204,939.93
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		407,285.76
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		$ 625,502.19

1972 TAX RATE $30.00 PER $1,000.00 VALUATION

	Valuation	Tax
Total Personal Property	$ 4,004,400	$120,132.00
Valuation: Real Estate	16,845,673	505,370.19
Total	$20,850,073	$625,502.19

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY $625,502.19

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	67%	$19.88
General Tax Rate	33%	10.12
	100	$30.00

Each $21,000 appropriated at Town Meeting represents $1.00 on the Tax Rate.

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY $4,004,400

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of Buildings	7,535,590
Buildings exclusive of land	$9,310,083

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	$20,850,073.00

ABATEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1972

LEVY OF	1972	1971	1970
Real & Personal Estate	$ 915.86	$ 88.35	----
Motor Vehicles	4,881.05	4,979.56	$ 25.53

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Number of Motor Vehicles	1,371
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	$ 61,178.68
Total Assessed Valuation	935,030.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete-Compiled to December 31, 1972

It is with sadness that the Board notes the passing of Lee H. Sheldon, who served the Town of Northfield faithfully and tirelessly as an assessor for over seventeen years. We shall miss him, as will all those who knew him.

In June, William G. Roberts was appointed by the Selectmen and the Board to serve as an assessor until the March elections.

The assessor's map is progressing according to schedule and should be completed by early summer. The mapping firm has expressed their thanks for the fine cooperation they have received from property owners.

We, the Board of Assessors, also appreciate the cooperation and support of the citizens of Northfield and all Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk
William G. Roberts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Under the able leadership of its new librarian, Mrs. Martha Peterson, and Assistant Librarian Elizabeth Bell, the Dickinson Memorial Library has continued to serve the Town and its residents of all age levels. With the active assistance and interest of many friends and volunteers, the offerings of reading fare and materials for educational or leisure-time activities continue in an attractive array and format. Selective pruning of obsolete worn out or little used books and editions is accompanied by selective substitution or replacement and continuously active acquirement of the best of current offerings. The gradual expansion of library services in a pleasant setting and atmosphere continues to warrant and justify the townwide interest and support of the Library. The librarians and the trustees note and appreciate the increasing participation of the community in library work and activities, and welcome suggestions for any improvements or worthwhile venture.

Thanks to the ready support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, a new parking lot and light have been provided for the librarians to leave the parking space on the street free for users of the library, and an unneeded and badly leaking skylight has been eliminated. This year the trustees have been pleased to have library facilities and resources utilized by the Tercentenary sub-committee researching and writing a history of the Town. A new interest has been focused upon the function of the library as a depository of irreplaceable written materials and documents of historical interest and record. Authentic and worthwhile additions will be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Library Trustees,

WILLIAM H. HAWLEY,
Chairman

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 1972

Circulation of library materials:

Adult and juvenile books	24517
State Bookmobile	1662
Inter-library loan	68

Books borrowed for school use	104
Adult and Juvenile magazines	1541
Music records	124
TOTAL	28016

Books in circulation:

Added by purchase and gift	482
Withdrawn	575
Books in circulation total	15941

Books borrowed from State Bookmobile:

Dickinson Library	875
Field Library	707

Total number of borrowers	1100

Receipts paid to Town treasurer:

Fines	$443.80
Lost or damaged books	32.15
Non-resident fees	28.00
TOTAL	$503.95

During this first year as librarian, I have endeavored to carry out the fine traditions established by previous librarians. Without the able assistance of Mrs. Stanley Bell, this would not have been possible.

The library staff wishes to thank the many friends who donated books, magazines, and jigsaw puzzles. We especially wish to thank Mrs. William Roberts who has volunteered two hours of time every week since May.

In March and April, we conducted classes in library usage for the Sixth grade. In order that sixth graders might have more practice in using this knowledge, these classes were given in November and December for the 1972-73 Sixth Grade.

In April, National Library Week was observed by means of a poster contest for elementary school students. Prizes of books were awarded. First prize posters were displayed in the library. Honorable mention posters were displayed at business places around town and also at the Western Mass. Regional office in

Greenfield.

A successful summer reading program culminated with a trip to Old Deerfield and refreshments at the home of Mrs. Bell.

Among the lovely displays in our glass case, we are especially grateful to the Ingrams of Gill for continuous displays this fall and winter.

The librarian attended library courses at the University of New Hampshire at Durham for two weeks in July.

Facilities were furnished at the library to those who have been involved in writing the town history.

The new parking area and guard light are greatly appreciated by the staff.

On Friday, December 22, the staff was pleased to say Merry Christmas to borrowers at a library open house.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA C. PETERSON
LIBRARIAN

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

During the past year forty dogs were picked up. Twenty-five of these were kept the required ten days and destroyed, eleven were claimed by their owners, and four had been hit by cars and were taken care of.

Numerous calls were received concerning dogs bothering neighbors, chasing deer and otherwise creating a nuisance.

The cooperation of all concerned with these problems is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. YOUNG
DOG OFFICER

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

No new Chapter 90 Construction work was accomplished this year.

Pentacost Road was excavated, brought to grade and sealed for approximately 600 ft. This exhausted the funds alloted for the road.

This year we installed approximately 670 ft. of culverts in problem areas for drainage.

We put out approximately 26,000 gals. of road oil covering about five miles of road.

The Mt. Hermon Station Road was paved from Wickey's to the top of Wozniak's hill.

About 300 ton of hot patch was used throughout the town in "pot holes."

Guard rails were repaired in several bad places about town.

Two bridges were completely replaced and several others had bad planks replaced.

Extensive ditching was done along Winchester Road, Warwick Avenue, Gulf Road and Bennett Brook Hill to eliminate water on and under the roads.

A great deal of work was accomplished this year, and more can be done next year.

Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN S. BOLTON

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

The Commission of seven conducted a survey of the Town in the early months of the year 1972. This survey was to seek a poll of the recreational needs of the people, primarily aimed at the opinion on a swimming pool facility. The Boy and Girl Scouts distributed over 700 questionnaires of which over 100 were returned. This survey almost unanimously endorsed a new swimming pool facility within the Town limits. The majority favored a below ground pool. Other recreational needs were requested to benefit all age groups. Sports like tennis, archery, skiing, skating were the most popular requests as well as a center for activities for all age groups. Due to the upcoming Tercentenary celebration this survey has been tabled by this committee until more time may be spent on it.

Two recreation leaders were hired from Greenfield Community College for the summer program. This program ran for 6 weeks from July 4th through August 11. The enrollment was more than adequate to carry the daily activities. Conflicts with Bible and Summer Schools and the Red Cross Swimming Program delinated some of the children temporarily, but all returned upon completion. Efforts are being made for the future to circumvent any conflicts so that the program may run unhindered for 6 weeks. The summer staff provided games and recreation for the Kiwanis Club 4th of July celebration once again. Besides the daily program a trip to a Boston Red Sox Baseball game was taken; a weekend camping trip to Greenfield State Park was fully attended by a co-ed group; an overnight camp-out on the Northfield Elementary School Playground was attended by 50 youngsters; a Hobo day was held and many other social events that attracted the children besides the crafts and games.

The Commission plans to use only local leaders in the future unless they are not available. To supplement the staff the Community Youth Corp supplied free of charge two girls to help with the program. This was of great benefit to the regular staff.

The Schell Pool operation extended from the end of the school year in June through Labor Day. The attendance at the pool is dropping off and serious considerations are being made on this matter. Poor water control, development of beaver dams, the inadequacy of the present dam, and vandalism were major problems. The water at the pool was tested every two weeks by the Univ. of Mass. laboratories and declared safe for swimming. Some of these problems did not keep attendance down. Since there are over 100 youngsters of grade school age that attend swimming classes for three weeks each summer, this indicates a great need for a safe, clean pleasant swimming area. The

Northfield Mt. Hermon School made possible the use of the indoor pool at Meany Gymnasium on the Northfield Campus again for the Red Cross Swimming Lessons.

The Town Hall was used during the early winter months for basketball by a young men's group. Due to problems occurred from using the main auditorium of this building this program has been discontinued.

The Recreation Commission wishes to thank all of the people who responded to the survey; those who volunteered their time and efforts; the local schools for use of equipment, the young people who served so well running a summer program and who we hope will return for another year; and to the town officers who helped the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

Edwin Finch, Chairman
Mrs. Sally Lindgren
Mrs. David Gibson
Mrs. Frank Foster III
William Giles
Charles Welner
Mrs. William Messer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Northfield:
Northfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Madam:

The following is a report of Police Activities for the calendar year of 1972.

Registration checks and/ or suspicious vehicles	141	Suspicious Persons	13
Forged Checks	2	Disturbing the Peace	16
Assault and/or Assault and Battery	6	Drugs	27
Breaking & Entering & Larceny	10	Breaking & Entering	25
		Larceny	14
		Arrests	34
		Prowlers	19

Stolen Vehicles	10	Burglar Alarms	15
Vandalism	48	Missing Persons	17
Bomb Threats	6	Family Problems	53
Disturbed Persons	4	Vacant Homes	18
Runaway	6	Miscellaneous	122
Animals	80	Ambulance Calls (on Police Phone)	5
Accidents	49	Stolen Property	10
Citations	97	Fire Alarms	1
Unsecured Buildings	10	Attempted Suicide	1
Arson/Fire	5		
Rape	1		

I wish to commend the officers of my department for the excellent work done by them during the past year. I also wish to acknowledge the special effort by the members of my department who assisted me in this, my first year as Police Chief in Northfield. I also wish to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the people of Northfield for the kindness shown to me and my family in our first year in Northfield. I hope that I have earned the respect of the citizens of this community and I shall do everything in my power to maintain it.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN J. SCOTT

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL KITCHEN STUDY COMMITTEE

The Kitchen Study Committee made an Evaluation of the present kitchen equipment and decided that it would be uneconomical to up-date the present equipment to meet requirements for public use.

We feel that the present structure of the kitchen offers sufficient space and recommend that the following be installed:

Dual Toastmaster Stove 8 surface unites, 24" x 24" griddle, 2 ovens	$ 1,200.00
Foster Refrigerator 2 door 35 cu. ft.	660.00
Toastmaster Dishwashing Machine	2,530.00
Two Duke Work Table Stainless steel 24" x 72" @ $225.00	450.00

Two Hunter Bussing Cart @ $35.00	70.00
Two Enterprise Coffee Maker @ $54.00 Perculator type 90 cup	108.00
	$ 5,018.00
Plumbing and electrical work	682.00
TOTAL COST	$ 5,700.00

The committee suggests that the present equipment be offered for a trade in.

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes R. Wickey, Chairman
Stanley P. Gorzocoski
Herbert H. Maynard

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

This board was authorized by a vote of the people of Northfield, at our annual town meeting. After consideration by the selectmen, and the moderator, the following persons were selected to serve: Mr. David J. Mroczek, Mr. Willis K. Parker, Mr. Wallace E. Stange.

The original intent of the town, was to persue an avenue for refuse disposal, either alone, or through a joint venture with neighboring towns. With the many legal points, stipulated by the state board of health, and the environmental pollution control board, the cost factor was getting too high to try the venture alone.

The Northfield Committee joined forces with the study groups from Gill, Leyden, Bernardston and the Northfield Schools. The engineering firm of Weston & Sampson was hired to conduct studies, take test borings, establish map collection routes, estimate total rubbish tonnage and to persue a suitable location for all towns involved. After many nights of meetings, long hours of study, a report was made available to all the boards of selectmen, for local consideration. This report and proposal has been turned over to the selectmen for your study and their action.

As a board study group, we wish to thank everyone who helped make our study a little easier.

David J. Mroczek
Willis K. Parker
Wallace E. Stange

REPORT OF LOCAL REFUSE STUDY COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed to study the problems of refuse disposal on a local level and to come up with solutions that would meet the State waste disposal regulations and be inexpensive to the taxpayers of Northfield.

1. Sites examined

A. Ken Miller's gravel bank located off St. Mary's St. behind the bank he bought from town last year (suitable and is negotiable if town seriously interested.)

B. John Black's sand bank off St. Mary's St. (not for sale.)

C. Present town dump site-town owned-(short on fill and is a problem already) if accepted we recommend that the fill used come from site or from town-owned gravel bank.

D. Davis property by eminent domain-$60,000 plus (not a good solution.)

E. Containerization-not feasible at present due to lack of dumping facility.

F. Town gravel bank in West Northfield off Caldwell Rd. -town owned-plenty of gravel to be used as fill easily operated within state requirements.

Committee recommends F. -town gravel bank, West Northfield.

II. Equipment needed to run a small scale land fill.

A. 22DB light crane with drag bucket on a smooth tracked loader, both to be purchased 2nd hand. Vehicle could drive down on refuse with tracks and give partial compaction before covering.

B. Fencing for site-front only.

C. Small compact trailer to be used as shelter-toilet and source of water for drinking.

D. Fire Equipment.
   1. Small extinguisher

2. Storage tank for 10, 000 gallons burried, to be used in case of emergency fire.

E. Wheel covers to protect town loader tires in case the vehicle is needed as back up equipment.

F. Maintenance agreement for vehicle.

III. Manpower recommendations-one attendant/operator, 35-40 hour week to be used by Highway department for filling trucks at the site when not working on refuse.

IV. Hours of operation-similar schedule to present dump, possibly longer.

V. Responsible parties
   A. Board of Selectmen

   B. Board of Health

   C. Highway Department

VI. Bulky-waste-refrigerators, stoves, washers, stumps and brush-to be deposited in accordance with attendants discretion-brush to be chipped.

This committee has had eleven (11) meetings on the local level and has sent one man to a full day program on recycling and another to a two day program on solid waste management sponsored by the State.

Please feel free to ask questions of the Committee. I am sorry I had to miss this important meeting but company duties render me not available.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. HYRNE, Chairman
Chadwick T. Glover
Leonard N. Lanphear
Charles W. Llewelyn
Howard E. Williams

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Northfield Conservation Commission has spent its first year building the foundation that we hope will make our committee one that is most useful to the town. Members of the Commission have gone to a number of informative meetings in and around the Northfield, Greenfield, Northampton area gathering information to better understand the town's role in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources' overall plan of state-wide conservation.

During 1972, we conducted one Hatch Act Hearing for a group wishing to alter a wetland area. They have received their permit and plan to proceed with the project in the spring.

We wish to thank everyone connected with conservation in Northfield, and the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources in Greenfield, for their help and cooperation in the past year, and look forward to a year of progress for Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Arthur James, Chairman
Irwin Severance, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Elizabeth Leyden, Secretary
Mrs. Gladys Bistrek
Peter Ladzinski
Mrs. Carolyn Spencer
Stanley Wickey

REPORT OF TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

During the past year, much progress has been made toward the planning and completion of a successful observance of the 300th anniversary of the first settlement of Northfield in 1673.

The steering committee, selected and appointed by the selectmen, with the aid of many of the town officials unanimously approved the plan of the Rogers Company from Fostoria, Ohio, for our observance. In accordance with this plan, committee chairmen have been selected to organize the celebration. All of these chairmen, at this writing, are busy planning the work assigned to them. A public meeting with Mr. James Kling, representative of the Rogers Company, is planned for early 1973. Representatives from all town organizations will be invited and encouraged to attend to see what part they may take in the celebration. The committee has selected the dates of Saturday, May 26 through Sunday, June 3, 1973 for the celebration.

Among the features planned are a celebration ball, a large religious program with an outstanding member of the clergy and an ecumenical choir, six nights of an historical spectular, an exceptionally large celebration of Memorial Day, and special days and events dedicated to the older generation, farmers, women, and youth. The celebration will terminate with the largest parade Northfield has ever witnessed on Sunday, June 3.

Already accomplished and on sale are bronze and sterling silver commemorative coins, and plates. Already written and soon to be in the hands of the publisher is a history of Northfield for the past fifty years, written by twelve to fifteen citizens of our town.

The cooperation and enthusiasm of our townspeople is already showing in the willingness to serve on committees, the purchase of coins and plates and inquiries of "How can we help? "

Needless to say, everyone will get into the act. Please feel free to call us at any time with your suggestions and questions.

The former Charles Slate house is already opened as Tercentenary Headquarters. This is your center for our celebration. Drop in to see us and talk over the plans.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD and
RAY K. THOMPSON
Co-Chairmen

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SEWER COMMISSION

The new sewage plant has been in operation since June of 1972. Since the operation began, two new sewer entrance applications were processed. Bills have been sent out to customers based on a partial year of operation for 1972. The use fee was established at $28.00 per unit for the partial year of operation. A total of 389 units were involved. It should be noted at this point that only users of the system pay for the operation of the plant-not all the taxpayers in the community.

Septic tank cleaning contractors paid approximately $250.00 in dump fees. Several sewer maintenance repairs were made to the distribution system.

Transfer of school sewers to the Town has been completed, but problems involving easements still exist with the Parker Avenue sewer.

There are two technical problems that exist which affect the efficient operation of the sewerage plant. One problem has to do with the "floating" type aerators. These aerators are not operating as efficiently as the "stationary" type. The "floating" type have been incorporated in sewage plant design because of the economic factor, however, experience seems to be supporting the change over to the stationary type in many plants recently. The other problem which is of considerable magnitude is that large quantities of storm water are entering the plant along with the normal sewerage flow making it difficult to process the solids. It appears that the so called "Hotel Sewer" which courses through a swamp from Birnam and North Lane Streets to Glenwood Avenue is "picking up" large quantities of clean water by means of infiltration through the clay tile joints. Note-this was determined by televiewing the interior of the sewer pipe.

This condition is correctable without replacement of the pipe by sealing the joints from the interior. This may entail an expenditure of $12,000 to $15,000. This condition was not apparent when weir flow tests were conducted by Tighe and Bond Engineers approximately 2 1/2 years ago, probably because of the relatively low water table at that time as compared with the very high water table and brook flows which exist in 1972 especially in the swamp area. When the high flows to the plant were first discovered, (shortly after plant start up) "the school" built a road into the swamp area to facilitate any maintenance work and to do exploration work. At that time it was found that openings in the bottom of one of the remote manholes had been deliberately cast in the cement base obviously to facilitate drainage of the swamp. "The School" sealed these openings which reduced infiltration to a degree, but with the advent of late fall and increased precipitation, it was obvious that more water was entering the system than was normal. In addition, there are also surface drains in the Parker Avenue section which "catch" storm water run off, and since they are tied into the Parker Avenue sewer, the storm water "finds" its way to the plant. These problems seem discouraging, but it should be recognized that new sewage plants rarely start up without problems as evidenced in other new plants in surrounding communities. This is especially true when knowledge of the condition of existing sewers is unknown or limited.

The Town Hall sewer was to be tied into the Parker Avenue sewer funded by a $20, 000 appropriation at Town meeting. Two reasons should explain the need for approximately $6, 000 additional money.

1. The proper point for intersection with the Parker Avenue sewer was found to be further down the grade then originally thought by Tighe and Bond.

2. The state D. P. W. was not cooperative in allowing a "cut" across the highway as originally expected. It, therefore, will necessitate a boring operation under the highway.

Note: The old sewer that was laid under the highway was determined to be too shallow in depth to be used, as originally thought. The engineered plan will also provide a new manhole on the east side of Main Street at Warwick Avenue which can also be used to "sewer" several buildings in the immediate area.

Studies are underway at the present time to determine priority for the next phase of the street sewer development in the town. When the studies are complete, presentation will be made for Town meeting approval.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. PELZEL, Chairman
Northfield Board of
Sewer Commissioners

REPORT OF REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

In the summer of 1971 three people from the town of Northfield were appointed by the Town Moderator to form a committee to represent Northfield on the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School Planning Board. The purpose of this committee was to join with 19 other Franklin County towns and Athol in determining the need of a regional vocational school in our area, and then to make a formal recommendation to the Selectmen of Northfield and to the voters.

By spring of 1972, after much study it became obvious to all members of the Board that the need for a vocational school in our area was great. More and more students had the desire for vocational training. Nearby schools with vocational programs were finding it necessary to turn away tuition students. High unemployment in our area showed a pressing need for a high school vocational training program.

After determining this definite need for a regional vocational school, the committee worked hard all spring and summer preparing the agreement for the proposed regional district and compiling the information needed to present the agreement to the towns for a favorable vote.

At a special town meeting on November 28, 1972, the Town of Northfield voted in favor of membership in this regional vocational school district. Sixteen other Franklin County towns also voted to join the district. Late in December these 17 towns appointed their respective members to the regional vocational district school committee. Northfield was entitled to one committee member.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support the voters of Northfield gave our planning committee. We feel that our town will greatly benefit from its membership in this regional vocational school district.

Respectfully submitted,

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Margaret L. Fuller
Frank J. Rockwell
Howard H. Maynard

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 167,414.12	
Receipts for the year 1972	1997,809.81	
TOTAL		$ 2,165,223.93
Payments per Warrants in 1972	$1802,819.60	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1972	77,748.34	
Franklin County Trust Co. (Checking)	245,592.23	
State St. Bank & Trust Co. (Checking)	2,242.00	
Franklin County Trust Co. (Savings)	20,314.76	
Certificate of Deposit	16,507.00	
TOTAL		$ 2,165,223.93

Franklin County Trust Co.
(December 31, 1972)

Balance per Statement		$ 292,218.55
Balance per Book	$ 245,592.23	
Outstanding Checks	65,658.34	
Less Deposit in Transit	19,032.02	$ 292,218.55

State St. Bank & Trust Co.
Sewer Checking Account
(December 31, 1972)

Balance per Statement		$ 2,242.00
Balance per Book	$ 2,242.00	
Outstanding Checks	-0-	
TOTAL		$ 2,242.00

Franklin County Trust Co.
(Savings)
(December 31, 1972)

Opening Balance (5/26/72)	$ 20,000.00	
Interest Received (10/1/72)	314.76	
TOTAL (12/31/72)		$ 20,314.76

Stabilization Fund
Franklin Savings Institution

Balance as of 1/1/72	$ 85,360.55	
Interest for 1972	4,570.39	
TOTAL (12/31/72)		$ 89,930.94

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Collected in 1972	$ 5,643.03
Payment to Franklin County Retirement Board	5,643.03
Refunds to employees	-0-
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Collected in 1972	$ 8,128.72
Paid to Teachers' Retirement Board	8,128.72
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Assn. Dues

Collected in 1972	$ 911.52
Paid to Pioneer Valley Teachers' Assn. in 1972	911.52

Franklin County School Employees' Federal Credit Union

Collected in 1972	$ 3,417.00
Paid to the Credit Union in 1972	3,417.00

Teacher's Annuities with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Collected in 1972	$ 2,928.00
Paid to Met. Life Ins. Co. in 1972	2,928.00

Teachers' Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Collected in 1972	$ 3,360.34
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service	3,360.34
Refunds to employees	-0-

Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Highway, etc. Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Collected in 1972	$ 2,788.81
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service	2,788.81
Refunds to employees	-0-
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Group Insurance with Greenfield Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Collected in 1972	$ 207.36
Payment to Greenfield Savings Bank	207.36
Refunds to employees	-0-
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Federal Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
Federal Tax deducted in 1972	$ 38,195.76
Paid to Internal Revenue	38,195.76
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Massachusetts Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1972	-0-
State Tax deducted in 1972	$ 10,698.60
Paid to Commonwealth	10,698.60
Balance December 31, 1972	-0-

Because of the delay in receiving grants for the Sewer account and Town reimbursements from the State, the Town had to borrow a total of $390,000.00 during 1972. This money was borrowed at interest rates ranging from 2.15% to 2.65%.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE A. WICKEY
Town Treasurer

1972
LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

CENTER CEMETERY

Nelson & Nettie Spring	100. 00
Emma Holtnorth	100. 00
John F. Rice	100. 00
Carpenter Winchester	100. 00
Clinton A. Ware	150. 00
George R. Stebbins	50. 00
Charles Stebbins	100. 00
Walter D. Crane	100. 00
John E. Nye	100. 00
Harvey J. Evans	50. 00
Augustus W. Holton	100. 00
Thomas Callender	50. 00
Johnson Fund	123. 06
Mary L. Wright	125. 00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50. 00
Charles Blackmer	50. 00
Alvin Long	50. 00
Isaac Cook & Wright Stratton	100. 00
John L. Mattoon	100. 00
Levi Fay	150. 00
Sarah E. Minot	150. 00
James Pickard	100. 00
Augusta L. Day	100. 00
Elizah Belding	125. 00
James White	100. 00
Arad Webster & William Billings	500. 00
Katherine Gaeng	100. 00
Elizah E. Belding	100. 00
A. M. D. Alexander	300. 00
Chas. Alexander & Richard Colton	200. 00
Adelaide W. Moody	100. 00
Roselle Evans	50. 00
Amos Shepardson & Anna S. Preston	150. 00
Bessie Moore	100. 00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100. 00

Maximilla S. Hachita	100. 00
Albert Brigham	100. 00
George E. Nye	200. 00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150. 00
Dr. Stratton White & George & William Hastings	300. 00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100. 00
William R. Moody	100. 00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50. 00
Clara B. Torrey	100. 00
Herbert E. Robbins	200. 00
S. E. Walker	200. 00
J.I. Greenleaf	300. 00
M. Margaret Laird	100. 00
Hezekia & Elizabeth Stratton	80. 00
Hezekiah & Molly Stratton	80. 00
Rufus & Asenath Stratton	80. 00
William H. Phelps	200. 00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200. 00
Sarah J. Whithead	50. 00
Bessie Severance	100. 00
Lewis Fowler	100. 00
J. Wesley Mann	100. 00
Andrew E. & Arthur H. Lyman	400. 00
Edward B. Stearns	50. 00
Benjamin Field & Charles Pomeroy	100. 00
Charles Osgood	500. 00
Louis Frederick Bartlett	100. 00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100. 00
Rose A. Holton	100. 00
C. D. Merrian & Cornelius Hilliard	300. 00

Cora B. Preston & Asa Holton	100.00
Frank & William Piper	100.00
L.O. Clapp Lot	100.00
Hachita Lots	440.00
Samuel & Elizab Merriman	1,760.00
Mary V.H. Slade	125.00
Mrs. Geo. Spofford	200.00
Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Daniel P. Sutherland	100.00
George N. Kidder	500.00
Tie-Webster Lot	100.00
Louis M. Potts	200.00
Frank & Jennie Lombard	100.00
	$12,638.06

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY

Henry F. Cutler	$ 100.00
Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	10.00
Est. Jane E. Holton for Charles Barton Holton Lot	100.00
Claire E. & Alfred D. Montague	100.00
Marjorie W. Prescott	100.00
Julia Elizabeth Pierce, Edward Curtis Blake, Barbara Pierce Blake	100.00
Hessie H. Hyde	300.00
Julia Mary Stark	100.00
William Eberhard Est.	100.00
L. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	90.00
L. Lorimer Drury Family Lot	100.00
Jane E. Nunn (In the name of Wm. & Sarah Eberhardt)	100.00
	$2,750.00

NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

James Browning & Robert Washer	$ 100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa Graves	51.69
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
James & Wm. Merriman	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Larkin Fisher, Frank & Lucy Rose	50.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Ashael & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Rufus Stratton & Oren D. Darling	150.00
Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00

William H. Stratton	100.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Wetherhead	75.00
Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Herbert Dutton	100.00
Murray Hammond	100.00
Nettie Gilbert	300.00
George H. Pratt	100.00
Lawrence A. Comins	100.00
Clayton P. B. Miller	100.00
Lincoln E. Warner	100.00
	$4,301.69

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Cecil Wilson	$ 100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00
George F. Witt	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00
Edna M. Kelley	150.00
Boyd Palmer	25.00
Vernon Playful	100.00
Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth	25.00
Alice Dutton Yerrington	150.00
Est. of LeRoy R. Barnes	100.00
	$2,050.00

INTEREST RECEIVED ON PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

(Accounts are 90-day notice at The Franklin Savings Institution)

Center Cemetery	$ 695.08
Mt. Hermon Cemetery	150.33
Northfield Farms Cemetery	235.64
So. Mountain Cemetery	5.48
West Northfield Cemetery	112.76
	$1,199.29

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Balance as of January 1, 1972	$21,739.75
Balance as of December 31, 1972	21,739.75

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE A. WICKEY
Town Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

(Passbooks in Custody of Treasurer)

The following are all 90-day Notice Accounts with the Franklin Savings Institution

NAME	Bal. 1/1/72	INTEREST To Town	 To Book	Bal. 12/31/72
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund (Savings)	$ 1,000.00	$ 55.00		$ 1,000.00
Belcher Center School Fund	250.00	13.76		250.00
Belcher Center School Fund	1,000.00	55.00		1,000.00
Belcher Library Funds	9,739.01	535.64		9,739.01
Mary H. Callender (Mt. Hermon Cemetery)	500.00	27.48		500.00
James Cowles-Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00	110.00		2,000.00
C. P. Dickinson Library Fund	3,000.00	165.00		3,000.00
D. A. R. Book Fund	100.00	5.48		100.00
Roselle Evans "Worthy Poor Fund"	500.00	27.48		500.00
G. F. Morgan Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00	165.00		3,000.00
Maude Montague Library Fund	2,009.60	110.48		2,009.60
Edward D. Priest et ux (W. Nfld. Cemetery)	7,292.49	401.04		7,292.49
Marina Stanley Fund ($10.00 deposited 5/23/72)	570.00	31.58		580.00
Calvin Stearns-Center Cemetery	500.00	27.48		500.00
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	2,071.14		$ 110.87	2,182.01
Lottie Evans "Worthy Poor Fund"	1,692.02		90.59	1,782.61
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00	88.00		1,600.00
TOTAL	$36,824.26	$1,818.42	$201.46	$37,035.72

(Passbooks in Custody of Others)

Name	Interest Received for 1972
Martha W. Alexander Fund	$ 194.15
Martha W. Alexander Fund	194.15
Martha W. Alexander Fund	121.35
Elisha Alexander Fund	106.04
Mary M. Ruggles Starkweather	420.00
School District 4 (Geo. Field et al)	672.95

The following are accounts at the Greenfield Savings Bank

Name	Interest Received for 1972
Martha W. Alexander Estate	$ 153.28
Flora E. Lane Estate	10.60
	$ 163.88

SECURITIES

Name	Balance 1/1/72	Interest to Town	Bal. 12/31/72
Belcher Center Cemetery	$ 1,000.00	$ 25.00	$ 1,000.00

ACCOUNTS CLOSED DURING 1972

Real Estate Fund	closed 2/2/72	Bal. $1,260.00	Int. Rec'd. $17.32

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE A. WICKEY
Town Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1972.

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS
January 1-December 1, 1972

1. Active Service	50
2. Bonus	120
3. Compensation	121
4. Death Benefits	312
5. Discharges	165
6. Education	289
7. Employment	191
8. Finance	506
9. Housing	20
10. Insurance	81
11. Legal	66
12. Loans	100
13. Medical	382
14. Notarizations	38
15. Pension	506
16. Photostats	6597
17. Recordings	90
18. Selective Service	77
19. Social Security	41
20. Taxes	335
21. Veterans' Benefits	5241
22. Vital Statistics	176
23. Unclassified	497
Total	16001

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities in the District.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to three cases during the year 1972. One of these cases was classified as a temporary situation while the other two were of a permanent nature and will continue to be on the rolls during the year 1973. Gross expenditures for 1972 amounted to $3, 693. 50. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the amount of $1, 846. 75 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115, as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

BY: HOMER L. GAMELIN

Director of Veterans' Services
and Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There were no forest fires of any size this year.

We answered a total of 6 grass or brush fire calls.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their cooperation in upholding the burning ban.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

We have inspected all the public schools, private schools, public buildings, churches, hotels and communes in Northfield.

Fire protection equipment has been tested, recharged or replaced as needed.

Fire drills were held at Pioneer Valley School, Center School, Linden Hill School and Northfield School for Girls with very good results. The Fire Department feels that these drills should be held at least three times a year.

The Public Safety Officer has inspected an increased number of oil burners, gas tanks, and propane tank installations as well as issuing oil storage permits.

I would like to thank all the town and school officials as well as the residents of Northfield for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

During 1972, Northfield was fortunate in that there were no major fires.

We answered a total of 75 calls this year. The number of calls was reduced to the exceptionally wet weather, the closing of the West Northfield dump and the covering of the Center dump.

The water supply at the Northfield Project will be completed in January, 1973 and the new fire truck is expected to arrive in January also. Fire holes were dug out and additional signs were put up.

We were also successful in recovering $960.00 from the B&M Railroad for fires they caused in 1971. This money was turned over to the town and put in the General Fund.

The 75 calls that were answered are as follows:

Structural fires	11
Chimney fires	6
Vehicle fires	2
Vehicle accidents	4
Fire investigations	7
Furnace malfunctions	1
Electrical apparatus or furniture fires	3
Brush or grass fires	7
Dump fires-West Northfield	4
" " -Center	6
Mutual Aid fires	5
Propane fires	5
Gasoline spills	1
Tire fires	1
Wires down	5
Rubbish fires	1
Resuscitator calls	2
False alarms	1
Bomb threats	3

I would like to take this opportunity to tell the townspeople that the members of the Fire Department have donated from their own funds a hydraulic Porta-power unit, a 24-foot extension ladder for the new truck and a $150. 00 scholarship to a deserving student from Northfield.

I would like to thank the officers and members of the Fire Department and the townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen, the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service for the year of 1972.

The Board of Health conducted three general immunization clinics for the townspeople, with a total of 347 doses given. I would like to thank the many volunteer clerical workers and the nurses who helped to make these clinics a success.

The annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 139 pints of blood. Doctors in attendance were: Dr. Norman B. Pike, Dr. Marvin L. Thompson, and Dr. Calvin W. Hartshorn.

Report of visits made in 1972:

Home visits	789
Office visits	48
Not home visits	64

Monthly meetings have been attended on the Home Care Team at the Franklin County Public Hospital, and In-Service Educational Programs have been attended in Worcester, Mass., at the University of Mass., and the Mental Health Clinic.

I would like to thank Mrs. Helen Barber for covering the vacation period during the summer.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, Dr. Ansel B. True, the Advisory Board, Mrs. Shirley Tompkins and the townspeople for all their cooperation and effort to this program.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN U. GORZOCOSKI, R. N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Following election on March 7, 1972, the newly created Board of Health, held several informal meetings for the purpose of organization and orientation. It was finally voted to meet the third Monday of each month at 8:00 p. m. at the Town Hall.

Routine matters attended throughout the year included issuance of the following licenses and permits:

1-Funeral Director's License
2-Licenses to transport offensive substances
5-Sewage Disposal Installer's Permits

1-License to Pasteurize Milk
1-License to make & sell frozen dessert
4-Milk & Cream Store License
3-Common Victualler's Licenses
1-Sunday Juke Box License

Under the direction of the Town Nurse, clinics were conducted on March 20, 1972, April 24, 1972 and May 22, 1972 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Board worked in conjunction with the Planning Board on the request for subdivisions and has cooperated with your Board of Selectmen on problems relative to the various dumps in Town.

This has been a very enlightening year and, we believe, has set a good background for the continuing operation of a separate Board of Health.

We do wish to again bring to the attention of all of you the very pressing need to attract a doctor to our Town. Dr. True has done a tremendous job, but he is no longer able to handle our medical problems; and, we are sure, would welcome another resident doctor.

Thank you all very much for your assistance and support through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rua J. Morgan, Chairman
Edward D. Hyrne
Doris D. Hosley

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes for 1970

Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/72		$ 66.83
Abatements	$ 25.53	
Paid to Treasurer	41.30	
	$ 66.83	$ 66.83

Taxes for 1971

Farm Animal and Machinery outstanding 1/1/72		$ 74.25
Paid to Treasurer	$ 74.25	
	$ 74.25	$ 74.25

Personal Property outstanding 1/1/72		$ 463.45
Paid to Treasurer	$ 463.45	
	$ 463.45	$ 463.45

Real Estate outstanding 1/1/72		$ 15,007.63
Refunds		88.35
Abatements	$ 88.35	
Tax Titles Taken	455.70	
Statement Filed to Continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	153.45	
Paid to Treasurer	14,398.48	
	$ 15,095.98	$ 15,095.98

Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/72		$ 7,535.19
Committed after 1/1/72		14,269.82
Refunds		1,483.22
Collected after abatement		8.80
Abatements	$ 4,979.56	
Paid to Treasurer	17,856.48	
Outstanding 1/1/73	460.99	
	$ 23,297.03	$ 23,297.03

Taxes for 1972

Farm Animal and Machinery Levy		$ 2,349.50
Paid to Treasurer	2,234.14	

Outstanding 1/1/73	115.36	
	$ 2,349.50	$ 2,349.50

Personal Property Levy		$ 120,132.00
Refunds		13.50
Abatements	$ 16.50	
Paid to Treasurer	119,275.50	
Outstanding 1/1/73	853.50	
	$ 120,145.50	$ 120,145.50

Real Estate Levy		$ 505,496.19
Refunds		1,610.50
Abatements	$ 18,062.96	
Tax Titles Added	522.75	
Statement filed to Continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	148.50	
Paid to Treasurer	479,717.85	
Outstanding 1/1/73	8,654.63	
	$ 507,106.69	$ 507,106.69

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		$ 61,178.68
Refunds		1,435.63
Abatements	$ 4,881.05	
Paid to Treasurer	46,951.07	
Outstanding 1/1/73	10,782.19	
	$ 62,614.31	$ 62,614.31

Sewer Use Charges		$ 10,608.00
Abatements	$ 168.00	
Paid to Treasurer	9,996.00	
Outstanding 1/1/73	444.00	
	$ 10,608.00	$ 10,608.00

Sewer Entrance Fees		$ 300.00
Paid to Treasurer	$ 300.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Fees to Dump at Sewer Plant		$ 400.00
Paid to Treasurer	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1972

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or ommissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS REPORTED IN 1972

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
January		
9	Casino, Jakob	James P. & Barbara Ann
31	Thoren, Jessica Sky	Bernard J. & Sarah E.
February		
8	Hulslander, Marjorie Leona	Bradford A. & Carolyn S.
21	Dejnak, Jack Edward	John A., Jr. & Mary M.
March		
1	LaFlamme, Blair Herr	Michael F. & Susan J.
3	Rice, Michelle Lynn	Malcolm H. & Mary E.
5	Deome, Cynthia Ann	Arthur R. & Susan B.
16	Stackhouse, Isaiah Blake	David L. & Linda G.
27	Llewelyn, Cathie Anne	Bruce M., Sr. & Linda M.
29	Baker, Christie Lee	William J. & Patricia A.
April		
13	Wood, Shawn Michael	Paul D. & Darleyne Ann
May		
13	Smith, Joshua Michael	Michael E. & Joanna J.
30	Powers, Dale Earl	Howard L. & Eleanor B.
July		
30	Howe, Matthew James	Philip A., Jr. & Carol A.

August		
8	Fitzpatrick, Leber Rebel Racmaqeil	Hugh S. & Robin Lee
17	Arsenault, William Clifford, Jr.	William C. & Rachel E.
September		
7	Zabko, Teresa Susan	Ronald J. & Margaret L.
12	Cutler, John Henry	Richard H. & Janice T.
October		
12	Sakowicz, Rebecca Mae	Gary E. & Geraldine M.
15	Sweeney, Denise Elizabeth	Theodore R. & Elizabeth A.
19	O'Shea, Timothy Kyle	James B. & Kathleen L.
24	Kopinto, John Joseph, Jr.	John J. & Teresa M.
November		
3	Boudreau, Denise Marie	Edward L. & Margaret H.
5	Kleinrock, Michael Sunshine	Randolph M. & Margaret R.
8	Risher, John Curtiss	Walter G. & Marjorie R.
16	Anson, Christina Noelle	Louis W., Jr. & Noelle T.
December		
18	Wright, Diane Marie	Raymond W. & Karen M.

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David Thompson	1
Richard Lawson	1
Blanks	988

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1972

Date	Name and Residence	Place of Marriage
January		
15 ✓	Hanrahan, Robert James, Northfield, Mass. Crosier, Judith Ann, Colrain, Mass.	Colrain, Mass.
15 ✓	Randall, Jonathan Ayne, Northfield, Mass. Hogan, Debra Claire, Roslindale, Mass.	Roslindale, Mass.
28 ✓	Blinn, Stephen Alan, Leverett, Mass. Clough, Pamela Helen, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
29 ✓	Arsenault, William Clifford, Northfield, Mass. Williams, Rachel Elaine, Northfield, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
29 ✓	McCassie, Leonard William, Northfield, Mass. Marynok, Camilla Diane (Lusco), Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
February		
18 ✓	Browning, James Robert, Northfield, Mass. Parent, Noreen Marion, Montague, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
18 ✓	Hungerford, Douglas James, Northfield, Mass. Johnson, Ruth Ann, Leyden, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.

25	✓	Willor, Raymond Charles, Greenfield, Mass. Merrill, Saralynn, Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
March 18	✓	Moore, Robert Gerald, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Schmid, Lynette Elise, Warwick, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
25	✓	Ellis, James Edwin, Keene, N. H. Black, Beverly Ruth, Keene, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
April 1	✓	Baillargeon, Rene Vincent, Northfield, Mass. Micheletti, Sandra Yvonne, Ludington, Michigan	Winchester, N. H.
15	✓	Gray, Edwin Charles, Bernardston, Mass. Gould, Roxene Marie, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15	✓	Mason, Gary Mason, Orange, Mass. Hastings, Anne Laurence, Erving, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15	✓	Palmer, Barry William, Barre, Vermont Randall, Virginia Gail, Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
22	✓	Baker, Douglas Arthur, Northfield, Mass. Barrett, Patricia Ellen, Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
May		? no original record	

48 marriages   0 intentions

13	✓ Miller, Kenneth Lee, Northfield, Mass. Pecha, Rosemary Elizabeth (Sanborn), Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
20	✓ Arsenault, Fred Wilbur, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Smith, Irene Louise (Towle), Orange, Mass.	Orange, Mass.
June 3	✓ Holloway, David James, Northfield, Mass. Grover, Donna Marie, Bernardston, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
10	✓ Premezzi, Lance Ettore, Flushing, N. Y. Cowan, Carole Lyndeth, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
21	✓ Hosley, Ralph Samuel, South Deerfield, Mass. Snow, Doris Estelle (Drescher), Northfield, Mass.	Springfield, Mass.
24	✓ Arsenault, Daniel Edward, Northfield, Mass. Smith, Karen Ann, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
24	✓ Barry, Craig Westney, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Cooper, Amy Florence, Northfield, Mass.	Falmouth, Mass.
24	✓ Demaray, David, Lakeville, Conn. Fish, Carolyn Ruth, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
July 1	✓ Hurlburt, Vernon Thomas, Northfield, Mass.	

		Laskoski, Nancy Lou, Greenfield, Mass.	Gill, Mass.
1	✓	Wood, Robert Alan, Northfield, Mass. Williams, Sue, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15	✓	Barnes, William Leonard, Northfield, Mass. Grover, Prudence Ann, Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
15	✓	Stone, David Herman, Northfield, Mass. Alves, Gail Shirleyanne, Northfield, Mass.	Gill, Mass.
27	✓	Kleinrock, Randolph, Northfield, Mass. King, Margaret Robin (Collins), Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
27	✓	Moore, Frank James, Northfield, Mass. Hawvermale, Deborah Louise, Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
29	✓	Fiske, Raymond Charles, Westfield, Mass. Vincent, Marianne Leah, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
August 5	✓	Hudson, Albert Kenneth, Hinsdale, N. H. Jackson, Judith Elizabeth, Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
5	?	Putnam, Stephen Locke, Northfield, Mass. Callahan, Nancy Jean, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

26	Bistrek, Leon A., Northfield, Mass. Clough, Marjorie E., Vernon, Vermont	Vernon, Vermont
26	Dane, Charles Blaney, Manchester, Mass. Bolton, Carol Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
26	Wegiel, Edward George, Greenfield, Mass. Sullivan, Wendy Ford, Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
26	Schoepf, William Roland, Manchester, N. H. Brisson, Judith Ann, Manchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
September 5	Wilkinson, Terry Lee, Greenfield, Mass. Manning, Margo Nye, Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
9	Geddis, Brian Lynn, Gill, Mass. Kazanowski, Constance, Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
23	Tyler, Dennis Edward, Bernardston, Mass. Krejmas, Elaine Teresa, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
28	Waterman, Michael Harold, Northfield, Mass. Foster, Audrey Jean, Warwick, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
30	Dunnell, Floyd Myron, III, Northfield, Mass. Kopec, Christine Ann, Millers Falls, Mass.	Millers Falls, Mass.

October		
14	Randall, David Welton, Northfield, Mass.	
	Lindell, Sally Ann (Kangas), Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
20	Foster, Timothy Russell, Northfield, Mass.	
	Black, Leatha Ann, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
21	Schieren, Carl Victor, Jr., New York, N. Y.	
	Hall, Susan Jane, New York, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
27	Brown, Edwin Boynton, Jr., Peterborough, N. H.	
	English, Nancy Josephine (Swenson), Peterborough, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
December		
16	Hohengasser, Daniel Andrew, Greenfield, Mass.	
	Gibson, Leslie Ann, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
23	Winship, Ronald William, Jr., Northfield, Mass.	
	Butynski, Donna Jean, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
30	Middleton, Lloyd Curtis, Jr., Greenfield, Mass.	
	Taylor, Robin Dee, Northfield, Mass.	Millers Falls, Mass.

DEATHS REPORTED IN 1972

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
January				
11	Parsons, Janet Newton	36	1	14
11	Vinten, Edward	75	1	27
March				
25	Ladzinski, Julia (Bojcun)	81	6	13
April				
9	Mpongo, David Simangaliso	32	3	20
30	Woodard, Charles Francis	84	5	11
May				
10	Abbott, Priscilla Foster (Lawrence)	55	10	19
20	Browning, Ida Schworm	86	4	5
June				
12	Butynski, George Joseph	53	6	29
13	Nye, Nellie R.	90	7	17
14	Sheldon, Leale H.	67	3	16
August				
14	White, Lester P.	77	10	26
October				
7	Smith, Catherine (Waryas)	59	1	2
20	Clough, Harold G.	69	8	7
29	Starr, Nellie Jerome	86	0	26
November				
29	Hicks, Ruth Wheeler	74	6	17
29	Leach, Charles Eastman, Jr.	53	3	19
December				
6	Henson, Verdayne H.	50	11	26
15	Streeter, Myrtle A. (Whitney)	71	7	27
29	Spaulding, Margaret Buffum	82	4	29

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

During the first half of 1972 the Planning Board was concerned principally with two statutory requirements: drafting the Town Master Plan, and the preparation of an official Town map. These projects were postponed later in the year when the Board began a review of the Northfield Subdivision Regulations in response to proposals for subdivision developments which the Board felt could seriously affect the Town.

Two subdivision proposals involving an estimated 575 to 600 dwelling units were delayed by a moritorium bylaw passed at the November 28th town meeting. This bylaw requires the approval of the Attorney General, which had not been received at the end of the year.

Two other subdivisions, one involving a single house, and the other four proposed duplexes, were approved by the Board in accordance with current subdivision regulations.

At the end of the year, the Planning Board had begun drafting amendments and changes in the Town Subdivision Regulations which are to be presented at a public hearing in February, 1973. Immediately thereafter the Board will begin work on proposals for revision of the Zoning Bylaws to present to Town Meeting before the end of the year. The purpose of these changes is to put the Town in a stronger position to make thoughtful and effective determinations relative to multiple housing, land use and subdivision development.

Among other 1972 activities of Planning Board members were:

Conferences with Northeast Utilities to evaluate the effect on the Town of the recreational facilities proposals for Northfield Mountain, and to lay a basis for a subsequest comment to the Federal Power Commission.

Meetings with the Franklin County Planning Board.

Organization of the Town Advisory Group in cooperation with the Conservation Commission, to assist the County Conservation District in drawing up a Natural Resources Inventory of Northfield.

Attendance at a conference on "Planning For Proper Land Use" conducted by the Federation of Planning Boards and the Association of Conservation Commissions at Amherst.

Attendance at a five week course at the University of Massachusetts on "Industrial Development In The Small Community."

During 1973 the Planning Board will continue work on the Town map as well as bylaw revisions, and shall proceed with the Master Plan project as promptly and as diligently as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CARSON
Chairman

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1972

Male Dogs	100
Female	12
Female (Spayed)	74
Special Kennel ($10. 00)	11
Special Kennel ($25. 00)	1

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1972

Resident Fishing	66
Resident Hunting	81
Resident Sporting	86
Resident Minor Fishing	16
Resident Women's Fishing	28
7-Day Non-Resident Fishing	5
Non-Resident Fishing	31
Resident Minor Trapping	--
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting	20
Archery Deer Stamp	17
Resident Sporting (Free)	13
Duplicate	5
Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free)	1
Resident Military Sporting (Free)	6

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1972

Auctioneer	4	Innholder	2
Auctioneer (Temporary)	-	Milk	1
Common Victualler	7	Raffles-Bazaars	5

Gasoline & Fuel	12

HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR 1972

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1972.

Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

Work is still continuing on the addition to Mt. Hermon Cemetery.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From John D. & Shirley L. Ware, Maple St., Northfield for Lot #249 in West Northfield Cemetery.	$ 25.00
From Richard G. Parsons, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #85 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From James C. Greely Funeral Service, Inc., Gloucester, Mass. (for digging grave-Mt. Hermon Cemetery)	60.00
From Kidder Funeral Home & Co., Inc., Northfield (for digging grave-Tuttle)	65.00
From Hubert A. & Emily Ash, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #185 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Mrs. Alice E. Potter, 600 South 62nd Ave., New Eng. Trailer Park, Hollywood, Calif. for Lot #265 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From William & Elizabeth LaPine, Mt. Hermon Sta. Rd., Northfield, for Lot #169 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From William M. Barnes, 635 South East St., Amherst, Mass., For Perpetual Care of Lot #34 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	100.00

From Ralph A. Smith, Hotel Road, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #187 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Harry J. & Edith G. Waaser, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #84 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Richard H. Bassett, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #130 1/2 in West Northfield Cem. .	15.00
From Roger E. Bassett, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #181 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Kidder Funeral Home & Co., Inc. for grave opening in West Northfield Cem. (Smith)	65.00
TOTAL	$ 605.00

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN STACEY
RICHARD H. BASSETT
HORACE F. FIELD
Cemetery Commissioners.

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1972

The Town of Northfield has participated in required Exercises, attended Sector and Special Meetings, submitted required reports, issued flood and storm warnings and has met the prerequisites for participation in Federally sponsored Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD
Civil Defense Director

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 10, 1972

About 165 voters of the Town of Northfield met at the Town Hall in accordance with the Warrant as posted. Mr. Corys M. Heselton called the Meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Arthur H. Green gave the invocation and the following action was taken.

Article 1. DEFEATED: (Yes 8, No-141) That the Town vote to exchange parcels of land in the Town of Northfield with the Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. so as to acquire a site for solid waste disposal.

Article 2. VOTED: (Unanimously) That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for the expense of the Regional School District Planning Committee appointed under the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 14, General Laws, as amended, to participate in planning a regional vocational school.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to pay the salary and $125.00 for the bond of an Assistant Treasurer to be appointed by the Treasurer as provided by Chapter 41, Section 39A, General Laws, as amended.

Article 4. DEFEATED: That the Town accept Section 103 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended, providing for the establishment of a purchasing department under the direction of a purchasing agent, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who would purchase all the supplies of the Town, all purchases or contracts for purchases exceeding two hundred fifty dollars in amount to be based upon competition, and raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the salary and $200.00 for the expense of said agent.

Article 5. DEFEATED: That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 13, General Laws, as amended, the Town adopt the following by-law:

Quorum for Town Meetings: At all annual and special town meetings, a minimum number of one hundred (100) qualified voters shall be required to be present for the transaction of business.

Article 6. Heard and accepted with thanks the Report of the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 6 and 7, 1972

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 573 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	547
Blanks	26
Moderator, one year	
Corys M. Heselton	516
Blanks	57
Selectman, three years	
David J. Mroczek	265
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.	298
John A. Hogan	3
Blanks	7
Treasurer, three years	
Marie A. Wickey	468
Blanks	105
Assessor, three years	
Warren E. Whitney	512
Blanks	61
Tax Collector, three years	
Gordon W. Leavis	503
Blanks	70
School Committee, three years	
Philip N. Nelson	500
Blanks	73
Pioneer Valley Regional School Comm., three years	
John H. Thayer	497
Blanks	76

Library Trustee (2) three years

Margaret Lloyd Jones	441
Henry B. Prescott	461
Blanks	244

Cemetery Commissioner, three years

Ralph H. Bassett	520
Blanks	53

Planning Board, three years

John Carson	484
Blanks	89

Planning Board, five years

John T. Callahan	504
Blanks	69

Sewer Commission, three years

Stanley E. Johnson	520
Blanks	53

Board of Health, one year

Doris D. Snow	509
Blanks	64

Board of Health, two years

Edward D. Hyrne	471
Blanks	102

Board of Health, three years

Edward O. Fox	264
Rua J. Morgan	289
Blanks	20

Question 1. Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called "Beano"?

Yes	321
No	224
Blanks	28

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 1972

Approximately 123 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the Meeting to order and Rev. Philip Nelson gave the invocation. The presentation of colors was made by Stewart Balk, Thomas Goodwin and William O'Connell of Boy Scout Troop 9, and Dizaree Conway, Sidonie Conway and Deborah Holbrook of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 245.

The following resolution was read by Mr. Powers:

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names, nature and length of such service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of March 1972 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Delores R. Avery-Town Treasurer-3 years
Charles M. Cooper-Planning Board and Board of Appeals-3 years
Roy J. Fish-Tax Collector-12 years; Northfield School Committee-9 years, Chairman 6 years; PVRSD Committee-3 years

The untimely passing of Mr. Cooper and Mr. Fish is noted with regret.

Sally F. Lindgren-Town Nurse 2 1/2 years
Frank J. Rockwell-Northfield School Committee-8 years; PVRSD Committee-8 years
Flora C. Abbey-Election Officer-15 years
Evangeline C. Cook-Librarian-15 years
Joseph A. Horak, Jr. -Police Chief 2 1/2 years
Ann P. James-Town Accountant-6 1/2 years
Phyllis H. Whitney-Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health-8 years

(signed) William H. Hawley, Chairman
Stanley J. Powers
Carolyn B. Parenteau
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The resolution was accepted with a vote of thanks.

The reading of the Warrant was waived and the following Articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town accept without further action the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Trustees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1972, or such current fiscal year as may be established by Act of the Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said financial or fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, be authorized to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or legal action brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town as provided by Section 100E, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen, and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, for expenses or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of elected and appointed official for 1972, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this article for 1972, and unless objection is made, each item as recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated; and if objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately, and the amount thereof and the manner of raising same shall be determined by separate vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted thereby; and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken to raise and appropriate the salaries of elected and appointed official for 1972 in the amounts tentatively accepted, and a second vote shall be taken to raise and appropriate each of the other amounts so accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the calendar year 1972 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Moderator, Salary & Expense		$ 70.00
Selectmen		2300.00
Chairman	$ 800.00	
Other Members	750.00	
Expense		850.00
Secretary		1700.00
Accountant		1700.00
Expense		100.00
Legal Expense		1000.00
Treasurer		1800.00
Expense		700.00
Tax Collector		1500.00
Expense		800.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs		500.00
Protection of Tax Title Property		25.00
Assessors		1925.00

Chairman	$ 675.00	
Others	625.00	
Expense		1000.00
Town Clerk		1050.00
Expense		150.00
Election and Registration		2500.00
Planning Board Expense		100.00
Board of Appeals Expense		100.00
Ambulance Service		4,550.00
Nurse and Substitute		6,500.00
Expense		500.00
Clerk		2,800.00
Car Expense		500.00
Inspection of Animals		450.00
Interest Charges of Sewer Project		7,300.00
Sewer Commissioners Salary		450.00
Each Commissioner-$150.00		
Sewer Commission Expense		200.00
Highway Supt. Expense		250.00
Highway Tools		500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays		3,500.00
Sidewalks		500.00
Street Lights		10,975.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists		350.00
Soldiers' Relief		5,500.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries		375.00
Finance Committee Expense		125.00
Town Hall		7,000.00
Police Chief Salary		8,750.00
Special Police Salaries		3,500.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.		4,200.00
Police Dept. Secretary		200.00
Fire Dept. Salaries		500.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense		6,000.00
Fire Dept. Hose and Equipment		1,500.00
Hydrants		500.00
Water Holes		800.00
Maintenance of Fire Station		2,000.00
Public Safety		50.00
Wire Inspector		100.00
Tree Trimming & Planting		1,200.00
Dutch Elm Control		2,200.00
Insect and Pest Control		2,000.00
Dog Officer and Expense		350.00
Civil Defense		25.00

Board of Health	525.00
Each member-$175.00	
Health	2,000.00
Dump Control	4,000.00
PVRS School Comm. Exp.	300.00
Elementary Schools	272,198.00
PVRS Capital	16,344.83
PVRS Operating	300,923.10
Town Reports	1,200.00
Memorial & Veterans' Day	350.00
Alexander Hall	415.00
Interest	500.00
Insurance	12,000.00
Chapter 32B	6,500.00
Town Clock	100.00
Land Damage	500.00
Historical Society Building	250.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00
Recreation Commission Program	6,125.00
Cemeteries	5,000.00
Fire Station Bond & Interest	3,180.00

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board of Assessors under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or employ a clerk and raise and appropriate the sum of $1,150.00 to pay the salary of such clerk.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvements of roads and highways under Chapter 81, exclusive of state highways, and appropriate for this work the sum of $28,727.00, and to meet this appropriation, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,500.00 as the Town's share of such cost, in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $18,227.00 to meet the State's share of such cost, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 8. VOTED: That the sum of $28,800.00 be appropriated to meet the cost of Chapter 90 highway construction, and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of $7,200.00 be raised by taxation, to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and the sum of $21,600.00 to be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's and the County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and the County to be restored upon their receipt to said unappropriated available funds.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of $4,000.00 be raised by taxation, to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and the sum of $8,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way as set forth in Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum or sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under the provisions of said Act, $12,000.00 thereof to be expended primarily for snow removal.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town vote to table this article relating to the purchase of a pick-up or medium weight truck for the Highway Department pending further study of the matter by the Board of Selectmen and the Superintendent of Streets.

Article 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town, acting through its Board of Sewer Commissioners, acquire by purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire, for sewer purposes, easements, which shall include the right to lay, maintain and repair pipes therein, where all existing sewer lines are located within the Town, the width of such easements and the exact location thereof to be in the discretion of the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the general location thereof to be substantially as shown on a plan entitled, "Sewage System in East Northfield, Mass.", exhibited to this meeting, and on file with said Commissioners, and that the sum of one hundred (100) dollars be appropriated therefor.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are or will be incorporated into the Town's sewage system.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to provide a survey of the Schell Bridge across the Connecticut River by a private contractor, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, to determine the present condition of the bridge and the extent and feasibility of such repair or reconstruction as may prove necessary.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,525.00 to provide two so-called 'remote' transmitting devices for operating the police transmitter at the Town Hall, and two portable radios for the use of the Police Department.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 to purchase six 900 x 20 10-ply tires for the Maxim fire truck, turn in for trade or otherwise dispose of the present tires.

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 to purchase a two-channel radio receiver-transmitter to be installed in the car or vehicle of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $197.50 to provide additional or improved highway or street lighting as follows:

1. One 8,000 Lumen light at the Gill Road intersection and one 8,000 lumen light at the Pioneer Valley Regional School road intersection on Massachusetts State Highway Route 10 at $28.50 for each, or a total of $57.00 for the period July 1 to December 31, 1972;

2. Four 8,000 lumen lights as replacements for existing lights and one additional 8,000 lumen light on Warwick Avenue running from Main Street to East Street at $14.00 additional for each of

the four replacements and $28.50 for the one additional light, for a total of $84.50 for the period July 1 to December 31, 1972;

3. Seven 4,000 lumen lights as replacements for existing lights on Maple Street running from the second light east of Main Street to Beers Plain Road at $8.00 for each replacement, for a total of $56.00 for the period July 1 to December 31, 1972;

Such expenditures to be made in anticipation of reimbursement under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971; and further, that the moderator be instructed to appoint a committee of three citizens of the Town to study further additions or improvements in highway and street lighting in the Town, and to report thereon at a special town meeting in the fall of 1972 or the next annual town meeting.

Article 20. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of $389.82 received from the County, known as the "Dog Fund", for the Dickinson Memorial Library, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended.

Article 21. VOTED: That the Town accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 as amended, and appropriate said sum for the use of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $11,821.00 for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin, any sum of money for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease Control.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town accept from Northfield Mount

Hermon School the sum of $2,000.00 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the year 1972 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service.

Article 27. VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of $5,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the current year, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 28. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $30,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1972 tax rate.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Stabilization Fund, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the perpetual care of Lot #1 in Mount Hermon Cemetery from Jane E. Nunn in the name of William and Sarah Eberhardt, and the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.) for the perpetual care of Lots #16 1/2 and #17 in the Northfield Farms Cemetery from Lincoln E. Warner.

Article 31. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to be used to repaint the main auditorium of the Town Hall, including walls, ceiling, windows and all woodwork, and to make any necessary repairs thereto.

Article 32. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for the use of the Committee appointed to determine and carry out procedures for planning for a Tercentenary Celebration for the Town in 1973.

Article 33. VOTED: That the Town vote to table this article relating to the formation of a regional refuse district pending the submission of an agreement therefor to the Board of Selectmen and at a subsequent town meeting.

Article 34. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee consisting of five citizens of the Town, one member to be appointed from each of four sections of the Town, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield and Northfield Farms, and a fifth member from the Board of Health, to study waste and refuse disposal in and for the Town, possible sites and methods of disposal, and capital and operating costs thereof, and to make a report at a special town meeting to be held on or before Tuesday, May 2, 1972, and raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the expense of such committee.

Article 35. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a Town Hall Kitchen Study Committee consisting of three citizens of the Town to consider the renovation and re-equipment of the Town Hall kitchen and to make a report with recommendations at the next special or annual Town meeting, and raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the expense of said Committee.

Article 36. VOTED: That the Town accept Section 8c, Chapter 40, General Laws, as amended, providing for the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a Conservation Commission consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members appointed for one, two or three years so that the terms of approximately one third of the members shall expire each year, their successors to be appointed for three years each, whose function shall be the promotion and development and protection of the natural resources and watershed resources of the Town and to promote the conservation and proper utilization of open spaces and other land and water areas in the Town, and raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the expense of said Committee.

Article 37. PASSED OVER: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five citizens of the Town, one to be a member of the Northfield School Committee or a person designated by the Committee, to explore possible improvements or additions to the physical plant and facilities at Northfield Elementary School, and to make a report with any recommendations at the next special or annual town meeting, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the expense of such Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

APRIL 25, 1972

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 12:00 Noon the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 P.M., it was determined that 297 votes were cast; (176 Republican and 121 Democratic) with the following results:

Republican Party

Presidential Preference	
John M. Ashbrook	4
Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.	11
Richard M. Nixon	149
Blanks	12
Delegates at Large to National Convention	
Francis W. Sargent	150
Elizabeth E. Amesbury	147
Lloyd B. Waring	141
Margaret M. Donohue	144
Ann C. Gannett	143
Robert C. Hahn	140
Elliott L. Richardson	147
Leverett Saltonstall	153
John A. Volpe	153
Jaye A. Whittier	144
Blanks	298
Alternate Delegates	
William F. Arrigal, Jr.	140
Muriel Erna Ballantine	143
Ann R. Blackham	144
Ronald Burton	140
Hastings Keith	141
Paula E. Logan	143
Josephine C. Marcotte	140
F. Bradford Morse	142
Martha Reardon	142
Emily R. Terlizzi	142
Blanks	343
District Delegates to National Convention	
Silvio O. Conte	145
Patricia T. Fischer	121

Blanks	86
Alternate Delegates	
Jonathan L. Healy	137
Carol A. Sullivan	124
Blanks	91
Delegates (not grouped)	
H. George Wilde	37
Blanks	139
Alternate Delegates (not grouped)	
Craig R. Wallwork	38
Blanks	138
State Committeeman Franklin-Hampshire Dist.	
Paul T. Ford	139
Blanks	37
State Committeewoman Franklin-Hampshire Dist.	
Bertha C. Farnsworth	134
Blanks	42
Town Committee (35)	
Carolyn B. Parenteau	155
Chester Hooper	155
Margaret Lipsic	151
Francis B. Reed	158
Helen B. Gorzocoski	161
Agnes Hammond	152
Corys M. Heselton	163
Elizabeth C. Newton	153
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	160
David G. Quinn	163
Frank J. Rockwell	149
Robert B. Shearer	151
Ross L. Spencer, Jr.	156
Eleanor Stange	156
Dwight P. Stearns	160
Jeannette L. Townsend	149
Stanley Wickey	153
William S. Messer	156
William G. Roberts	147
Ethel D. Fowler	149
Marion W. Dean	152
Virginia E. Leach	149
Susan D. Hyrne	147
Horace F. Field	165
Phyllis L. Davis	149
Frederick J. Billiel	153
Clesson M. Field, Jr.	148

Wallace F. Reddy, Jr.	151
Stanley J. Powers	154
Raymond A. Tillson	150
Guy H. Cote	149
Roger M. Greenwood	153
Gerald C. Hicks	150
William H. Hawley	149
Helen S. Monroe	151
Blanks	793

Democratic Party

Presidential Preference	
Shirley Chisholm	4
Edward T. Coll	0
Vance Hartke	0
Hubert H. Humphrey	4
Henry M. Jackson	1
John V. Lindsay	0
Eugene McCarthy	0
George McGovern	96
Wilbur D. Mills	0
Edmund S. Muskie	7
George C. Wallace	9
Sam Yorty	0
Blanks	0
Delegates at large to National Convention (20)	
Group I Pledged to McGovern	
Robert F. Drinan	91
Mary I. Bunting	89
Jack H. Backman	89
Ellen M. Jackson	88
J. Kenneth Galbraith	90
Roberta F. Benjamin	88
John L. Saltonstall, Jr.	91
Ruth M. Batson	89
Alvin Levin	90
Mary E. Williamson	89
Charles F. McDevitt	91
Mary A. Markel	89
Jesse Parks	92
Doris M. Kanin	89
Salvador E. Luria	90
Margaret V. Eagan	89
F. Christopher Arterton	89

Patricia A. Simon	90
Elizabeth A. Chase	90
Antonia H. Chayes	89
Blanks	350

Alternate Delegates at large to National Convention (12)

Group 1 Pledged to McGovern

Alexander Rodriguez	90
Kenneth J. Moynihan	89
Karl H. Haag	90
Constance Kantar	89
Carl K. King	90
Anne P. Priest	89
Stephen J. Morgan	90
Monteal M. Yerby	89
Francis E. Moore	90
Sandra L. Ahlburn	90
Kathleen K. Houton	89
Michael J. Brower	89

At large delegates Group 11 Pledged to Muskie

Kevin H. White	14
Thomas P. O'Neill	14
Robert H. Quinn	12
Doris Kearns	14
Lena Saunders	13
Robert Q. Crane	14
David M. Bartley	13
Kevin B. Harrington	14
Mary L. Fonseca	14
Geraldine Pleshaw	14
Salvatore Camelio	14
Ronald Glover	14
Samuel H. Beer	14
Betty Taymor	14
Ann L. Dunphy	14
Melvin B. Miller	15
K. Dun Gifford	13
Nicholas Mavroules	14
Irene Lambert	13
Anna P. Buckley	14

Alternate Delegates-Group 11 Pledged to Muskie

John F. X. Davoren	15
Archibald Cox	13
Elizabeth Parnes	14
Frank J. Manning	15
Alfred Olerio	13

Barbara J. Garvey	14
Jack E. Robinson	13
James E. Smith	14
Susan Haar	14
Peter Edelman	14
James F. Mulloney	13
Margaret M. Breen	14
Delegates to National Convention-Not grouped	
George G. Burke	0
Endicott Peabody	3
Blanks	562
District Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention.	
Group 1 Delegates Pledged to Muskie	
Edward A. McColgan	12
Anne H. McHugh	14
Thomas C. Wojkowski	13
Judith I. Gill	15
John S. Begley	14
Carol A. Drew	12
Alternates Pledged to Muskie	
Phyllis A. O'Hara McGuane	14
Joseph G. Flahive	12
Anna V. Tremblay	13
Albert A. Bogdan	11
Group 11 Delegates Pledged to McGovern	
Frances R. Abrams	86
Flora H. Bloedel	87
Russell W. Carrier	85
Peter J. Fouche	85
Kenneth R. Mosakokski	85
Jane Yolen Stemple	86
Alternates Pledged to McGovern	
John D. Lawlor, Jr.	82
Bonnie B. Merrill	85
Ann E. Nichols	86
Lee Harold Sandwen	84
Group 111 Delegates	
Maurice J. Ferriter	2
Patrick B. Bresnahan, III	2
James M. Burns	2
Dagmar E. Bubriski	2
Phoebe M. Dowd	2
Patricia F. Lee	3
Alternates	
Eugene A. Dellea	2

Robert L. Ward	2
Abbie Czelusniak	2
John D. Courtney, Jr.	2
Group lV-Delegates committed to Lindsay	
William S. Taupier	0
Peter A. Kinney	0
Mary M. McLaughlin	0
Johanne Asselin	0
Paul E. Delaney	0
Ellen M. Vollinger	0
Alternates committed to Lindsay	
Shirnavaz Driver	0
Bruce Edward Colton	0
M. Guy Ross	0
Philip B. Coulter	0
Delegate Not Grouped	
Edward M. O'Brien	2
Blanks	206
State Committeeman-Franklin Hampshire Dist.	
Robert F. Czelusniak	68
Blanks	53
State Committeewoman-Franklin-Hampshire Dist.	
Grace A. LaMontagne	30
Helen E. Doyle	30
Frances H. McNulty	18
Blanks	43
Town Committee (20)	
John A. Hogan	94
Evelyn U. True	98
Catherine E. Gilbert	84
Lucille A. Kelley	89
Helen U. Greene	85
Russell H. Edes	93
Agnes G. Caron	84
Fernand A. Caron	84
William A. Knipe	90
Virginia M. Koonz	87
Robert Williams, Jr.	85
Ansel B. True	97
Peter Leyden, Jr.	92
Brian McAndrews	87
Sandra R. Handy	89
Thomas C. Handy	89
Dorothy Pollen	2
Joel Fowler	1

David Thompson	1
Richard Lawson	1
Blanks	988

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF VOTES ON ARTICLES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 6, 1972

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee. (No Action)

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Regional Refuse District Committee. (No Action)

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the sum of $20, 000. 00 be transferred from available funds to have the Town Hall sewer connected to the main sewage disposal system under the jurisdiction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $8, 000. 00 for the maintenance of the Town Dump.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $5, 000. 00 for legal and engineering fees to acquire easements to enable the Town to assume control or ownership of any or all drains located or to be located or installed within the Town.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $300. 00 to supplement the Election and Registration Account.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $775. 00 to supplement the sum of $425. 00 voted under Article 7 at the Special Town Meeting of September 20, 1972 to meet the increased cost of covering the skylight of the roof of the Dickinson Memorial Library Building.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of $986. 63 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing State aid for Free Public Libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 as amended and to appropriate said sum so received for its Public Library or Libraries.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the Town name the road leading from Pioneer Valley Regional School to Route 10, F. SUMNER TURNER ROAD.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $800.00 for the purchase of a check disbursing machine for the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the selectmen be authorized to rewire the Town Hall and that the sum of $2500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds therefor.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $5,000.00 to supplement the Highway, Bridges & Railings Account.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $3,000.00 to supplement the Machinery Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $5,000.00 for the removal of snow.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That the selectmen be authorized to purchase two new snow plows for the highway department. Turn in for trade, sell or otherwise dispose of the present snowplow and that the sum of $1400.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds therefor.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds, the sum of $500.00 to supplement the Legal Expense Fund.

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 19, 1972

At the time and place set forth, the Warrant of the State Primary was read by the Town Clerk and at 10:00 A.M. the polls were declared open. The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. It was determined that 613 votes were cast; 570 Republican and 43 Democratic, with the following results:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator in Congress	
Edward W. Brooke	517
Blanks	53
Congressman-First District	
Silvio O. Conte	515
Blanks	55
Councillor-Eighth District	
James A. Mullane	468
Blanks	102
Senator-Franklin Hampshire District	
John D. Barrus	502
John Olver	2
Blanks	66
Representative in General Court	
Jonathan L. Healy	311
Carolyn B. Parenteau	255
Blanks	4
Register of Probate and Insolvency	
Lawrence A. Comins	499
Blanks	71
County Commissioners (2)	
Thomas Herlihy	407
Wendell Streeter	497
Blanks	236
County Treasurer	
Gerard M. Fritz	490
Blanks	80

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Senator in Congress	
John J. Droney	11
John Pierce Lynch	11

Gerald F. O'Leary	15
Blanks	6
Congressman-First District	
Silvio O. Conte	2
Jonathan L. Healy	2
Blanks	39
Councillor-Eighth District	
Edward M. O'Brien	25
Anthony W. Ravosa	10
Blanks	8
Senator-Franklin Hampshire District	
John W. Olver	35
Blanks	8
Representative in General Court	
Jonathan L. Healy	4
Carolyn B. Parenteau	1
Blanks	38
Register of Probate and Insolvency	
Blanks	43
County Commissioners (2)	
Donald H. Skole	34
Blanks	9
County Treasurer	
Gerard M. Fritz	1
Blanks	42

At the close of the polls, the clerk read the results and the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD
TOWN CLERK

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 1972

At the time and place set forth, the Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were declared open at 10:00 A. M. and closed at 8:00 P. M. It was determined that 1,286 ballots had been cast, with the following results:

Electors of President and Vice President	
Jenness and Pulley	4
McGovern and Shriver	412
Nixon and Agnew	841

Schmidt and Anderson		6
Blanks		23
Senator in Congress		
Edward W. Brooke		1073
John J. Droney		165
Donald Gurewitz		17
Blanks		30
Congressman-First District		
Silvio O. Conte		1132
Blanks		153
Councillor-Eighth District		
Edward M. O'Brien		496
James A. Mullane		627
Blanks		117
Senator-Franklin Hampshire District		
John D. Barrus		879
John W. Olver		359
Blanks		47
Representative in General Court		
Jonathan L. Healy		1108
Blanks		177
Register of Probate and Insolvency		
Lawrence A. Comins		1049
Blanks		236
County Commissioners (2)		
Thomas Herlihy		743
Wendell E. Streeter		925
Donald H. Skole		358
Blanks		544
County Treasurer		
Gerard M. Fritz		1072
Blanks		213
Question 1. Agricultural Tax		
Yes	964	
No	203	
Blanks	118	
Question 2. Voting Age-Eighteen years		
Yes	899	
No	284	
Blanks	102	
Question 3. Allow Paupers to Vote		
Yes	883	
No	250	
Blanks	152	
Question 4. State Loans to students		

Yes	827
No	330
Blanks	128
Question 5. Environmental Rights	
Yes	846
No	299
Blanks	140
Question 6. Graduated Income Tax	
Yes	547
No	624
Blanks	114
Question 7. Judges Retirement	
Yes	918
No	258
Blanks	109
Question 8. Allow liquor at age eighteen	
Yes	579
No	600
Blanks	106
Question 9. Voluntary School Prayer	
Yes	1064
No	152
Blanks	69
Question 10. Hotel Liquor License	
Yes	854
No	364
Blanks	67

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 1972-7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED 107 Yes-7 No-1 Blank. That the Town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen 1, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional vocational-technical school district to consist of such of the following towns as may (1) vote to accept said sections and as may (2) have in the aggregate a population greater than 35,000 persons according to the 1970 Federal census: Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

ARTICLE II: VOTED That the Town instruct the moderator to appoint three persons one of whom shall be a member of the school committee, to serve on a Regional School District Committee; said Committee, together with similar appointed Committees from other towns in Union #18, not including Gill, to form a Regional School District Planning Board for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a K-6 regional school district; and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Selectmen of the towns represented; all the above in accordance with Sections 14-16 of Chapter 71, General Laws, or take any votes or vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE III: VOTED That the sum of $1,446.18 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to supplement the Town Interest Account.

ARTICLE IV: VOTED That the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to supplement the Legal Expense Account.

ARTICLE V: Voted 96 Yes-2 No That the Town amend its Protective Zoning Bylaws by adding the following section entitled "Moritorium Bylaw" to be designated as Section 5 (f):

No multiple family dwelling or dwellings within the Town of Northfield, which for this section shall mean a structure with more than one family residing therein, shall be hereafter erected, constructed, or altered in any manner whatsoever, except where such erection, construction, or alteration, does not change or enlarge an existing use, for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months from the date of acceptance of this zoning bylaw amendment. Inasmuch as the Town of Northfield is in the process of formulating its Master Plan for future development and it is desired to protect said town pending its final adoption, a moritorium on the issuance of building permits for construction of dwelling units in excess of one (1) family is hereby in effect for said period of time. Nothing herein shall effect the operation or effectiveness of any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A.

ARTICLE VI: VOTED That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds, the sum of $1,476.25, to supplement the Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, and Holidays Account.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1972, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on January 1, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL D. FOWLER
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:		
1971 Personal Property	463.45	
Real Estate	14,398.48	14,861.93
1972 Personal Property	119,275.50	
Real Estate	479,717.85	598,993.35
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1970	41.30	
Levy of 1971	17,856.48	
Levy of 1972	46,951.07	64,848.85
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1971	74.25	
Levy of 1972	2,234.14	2,308.39
Sewer Use:		
Levy of 1972		9,996.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Veterans' Benefits	2,667.39	
Sewer Dumping	400.00	
Sewer Entrance Fees	300.00	3,367.39
Federal Grant		
Sewage Project		190,200.00
Federal Revenue Sharing		16,507.00
Aid to Highways:		
State	40,221.10	
County	4,000.00	44,221.10
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Tax	38,225.76	
State Withholding Tax	10,712.65	
County Retirement	5,657.80	
Teachers' Retirement	8,128.72	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7,422.84	
Life Insurance	230.16	
Credit Union	3,417.00	
Teachers' Association Dues	911.52	

Teachers' Annuities	2,928.00	
United Fund	.25	77,634.70
Trust Funds Interest:		
Elisha Alexander Charity	106.04	
George F. Morgan Charity	165.00	
Roselle Evans Poor	27.48	
Starkweather Charity	420.00	
Belcher Center School	68.76	
Belcher Library	535.64	
Maude Montague Library	110.48	
Marina Stanley Library	31.58	
Charles P. Dickinson Book	165.00	
DAR Book	5.48	
PC Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mt.	1,051.49	
P.C. Northfield Farms	235.64	
P.C. West Northfield	519.12	
P.C. Mary Callender Lot, Mt. Hermon	27.48	
P.C. Calvin Stearns Lot, Center	27.48	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	88.00	3,584.67
State:		
Chapter 69 & 71, School	7,781.00	
Chapter 70, School	95,992.92	
Chapter 71, Transportation	16,349.63	
Chapter 71, Aid to Reg. Sch. Memb.	10,213.05	
Chapter 74, Vocational Tuition Reimb.	3,436.00	
Chapter 74, Vocational Transportation	3,427.00	
Machinery Basis	300.69	
Valuation Basis	4,558.76	
State Forest	1,669.12	
Lottery	7,020.61	
Highway Fund	36,140.86	
Library Aid	986.63	187,876.27
Tax Collector's Costs		439.50
Interest on Taxes		1,300.07
Tax Titles Redeemed		3,181.61
Tax Title Costs and Interest		449.94
Road Machinery Fund		4,330.06
Rent, Town Hall		445.00
Rent, Alexander Hall		31.00
Police Dept. Licenses and Permits		366.00
Police Accident Reports		66.00
Building Permits		82.00

Plumbing Permits	285.00
Disposal and Sewage Permits	33.00
Other Licenses and Permits Granted	263.00
Nurse's Fees	1,768.34
Medicare Reimbursement	1,187.00
Library Fines	503.95
Court Fines	723.20
County Dog Refund	389.82
County Dog Officer	532.00
County-Dutch Elm	130.03
School Lunch	15,871.90
Sale of Cemetery Lots	75.00
Real Estate Interest Fund	17.32
Trust Funds	10.00
Revenue Cash Investments	350,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue	200,000.00
Temporary Notes in Anticipation of Federally Aided Project	190,000.00
Insurance Claims	780.54
Library Extension, Title II	523.11
Ambulance Service	2,000.00
Certificate of Deposit and Savings Account Interest	1,882.48
Tercentenary Committee	2,334.33
Refunds	1,148.81
Advertising Reimbursements	31.21
Dog Licenses Collected for County	659.70
Sale of Town Hall Tables and Chairs	451.48
Clinic Donations	67.76
Boston & Maine Fire Fighting	930.00
Graves	125.00
Sundry	5.00
Total Receipts	$ 1,997,819.81
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1972	167,414.12
	$2,165,233.93

RECAPITULATION

	Approp.	Spent	Balance
Moderator	35.00	35.00	
Moderator's Expense	35.00	35.00	

Selectmen	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Selectmen's Expense	1,312.65	1,312.65	
Selectmen's Secretary	2,052.69	2,052.69	
Accountant	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Accountant's Expense	146.70	137.65	9.05
Legal Expense	3,500.00	2,531.00	969.00
Treasurer	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Treasurer's Expense	700.00	617.40	82.60
Chk. Disbursing Machine-Treasurer	800.00	756.25	43.75
Tax Collector	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	1,300.00	1,267.32	32.68
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00	218.38	281.62
Protection of Tax Title Prop.	25.00		25.00
Assessors & Clerk	3,075.00	3,075.00	
Assessors' Expense	1,000.00	956.24	43.76
Town Clerk	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	150.00	150.00	
Election & Registration	2,959.79	2,959.79	
Planning Board Expense	100.00	87.14	12.86
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	79.72	20.28
Finance Board Expense	125.00	69.50	55.50
Town Hall	7,226.20	7,226.20	
Tables & Chairs for Town Hall	1,250.00	1,144.09	105.91
Repair & Repaint Town Hall Auditorium	4,000.00	3,780.96	219.04
Town Hall Kitchen Study Committee Expense	25.00		25.00
Re-wire Town Hall	2,500.00	1,933.96	566.04
Police Chief Salary	8,750.00	8,750.00	
Special Police Salaries	3,500.00	3,472.21	27.79
Police Dept. Secretary	203.84	203.84	
Police Dept. Operating Expense & Equipment	4,845.46	4,845.46	
Fire Department Salaries	500.00	500.00	
Fire Department Operating Expenses	6,000.00	5,426.06	573.94
Fire Dept. Hose & Equip.	1,500.00	1,498.10	1.90
Radio Equip. for Fire Chief	750.00	750.00	
Six Tires for Maxim Fire Truck	600.00	600.00	
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	
Water Holes	800.00	118.75	681.25
Maintenance of Fire Station			

and Garage	2,007.20	2,007.20	
Public Safety	50.00	50.00	
Wire Inspector	100.00	62.00	38.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	1,200.00	1,177.30	22.70
Dutch Elm Control	2,200.00	1,893.13	306.87
Insect & Pest Control	2,000.00	1,345.25	654.75
Dog Officer & Expense	350.00	350.00	
Board of Health Salaries	525.00	437.50	87.50
Health	2,000.00	1,309.97	690.03
Dump Control	12,000.00	9,460.81	2,539.19
Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee Expense	100.00	50.30	49.70
Ambulance Service	4,550.00	4,550.00	
Nurse & Substitute	6,500.00	5,395.72	1,104.28
Nurse's Expense	500.00	390.39	109.61
Nurse's Clerk	2,853.84	2,853.84	
Nurse's Car Expense	500.00	375.52	124.48
Inspection of Animals	450.00	151.50	298.50
Sewage Project	387,956.57	387,956.57	
Sewer Commissioner's Salaries	450.00	450.00	
Sewer Commissioner's Expense	200.00		200.00
Acquire Easements for Sewage Project	5,100.00	500.00	4,600.00
Operation & Maint. of Sewage Project	11,000.00	9,109.18	1,890.82
Interest Charges of Sewage Project	7,300.00	1,302.41	5,997.59
Highway Superintendent's Expense	250.00	219.72	30.28
Machinery Maintenance	15,217.17	15,217.17	
Highway Tools	500.00	428.67	71.33
Hwy. Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	5,046.95	4,772.90	274.05
Chapter 81	28,733.29	28,733.29	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Highway Improvement Loans (Pentecost Rd.)	3,880.17	3,880.17	
Snow Removal	17,000.00	16,847.43	152.57
Highways, Bridges and Railings	8,500.00	5,603.45	2,896.55
Two Snow Plows	1,400.00	1,097.00	303.00
Sidewalks	500.00		500.00
Street Lights	11,172.50	10,678.51	493.99

Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00	40.55	309.45
Soldiers' Relief	5,500.00	3,693.50	1,806.50
Elementary School Committee Salaries	375.00	375.00	
P. V. R. S. Committee Expenses	300.00		300.00
Schools	272,198.00	270,250.56	1,947.44
P. V. R. S. Capital and Operating Budget	317,267.93	317,267.93	
Reg. Voc. School Dist. Plan. Comm. Expense	250.00	166.97	83.03
Dickinson Library	13,234.80	13,234.80	
Skylight Repair, Dickinson Library	1,200.00	1,145.00	55.00
Field Library	250.00	250.00	
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	3,268.11	1,731.89
Town Reports	1,200.00	1,150.00	50.00
Memorial & Veterans' Day	439.88	439.88	
Alexander Hall	415.00	319.71	95.29
Interest	1,946.18	1,946.18	
Insurance	12,000.00	10,767.32	1,232.68
Chapter 32B	6,500.00	6,409.09	90.91
Fish for Stocking Streams	200.00	200.00	
Town Clock	200.00	123.00	77.00
Land Damages	788.35	788.35	
Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, Field Drivers	25.00		25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00	336.98	63.02
Historical Society Bldg.	250.00	181.66	68.34
Conservation Comm. Expense	50.00	43.90	6.10
Recreation Committee	6,125.00	4,663.17	1,461.83
Purchase of Slate Property	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
Cemeteries	5,000.00	2,032.61	2,967.39
Fire Station Bond and Interest	3,180.00	3,180.00	
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			39,851.74
Assessors' Map	19,500.00	3,750.00	15,750.00
Master Plan	6,000.00	41.00	5,959.00
Police Transmitter Equipment & Radios	2,525.00		2,525.00
Forest Fire Truck	16,990.64	5,007.59	11,983.05
Civil Defense	1,138.77		1,138.77

Town Hall Sewer Connection	20,000.00	2,327.10	17,672.90
Chapter 90 Construction 1971	22,987.59	4,878.46	18,109.13
Chapter 90 Construction 1972	28,800.00		28,800.00
Survey of Schell Bridge	3,000.00		3,000.00
Tercentenary Committee	19,990.87	4,352.05	15,638.82
Unexpended Balances to 1972			120,576.67
Refunds on Taxes		1,712.35	
Refunds on M.V. Excise		2,918.85	
Tax Collector's Costs		415.50	
State Parks & Reservations		4,871.65	
State Assessment		105.24	
State M.V. Tax Bills		308.40	
County Tax		38,304.71	
County Retirement System		8,035.20	
Veterans' Service Center		2,462.70	
State Audit		5,768.10	
P.V. Air Pollution Control Board		211.89	
County Dog Officer		550.00	
Dog Licenses to County		651.75	
School Lunch		15,896.69	
Library Extension, Title II		523.11	
Federal Withholding Taxes		38,195.76	
State Withholding Taxes		10,698.60	
County Retirement		5,657.80	
Teachers' Retirement		8,114.75	
Refund on Fed. With. Tax		30.00	
Refund on State With. Tax		14.05	
Refund on Teachers' Retirement		13.97	
Mass. Hospital Service		7,448.49	
Refund on Mass. Hospital Service		21.18	
Life Insurance		230.16	
Credit Union		3,417.00	
Teachers' Association Dues		911.52	
Teachers' Annuities		2,928.00	
Trust Funds to Savings Account		10.00	
Belcher Library Fund Interest		546.12	
Maude Montague Library Fund Interest		110.65	
Marina Stanley Library Fund Interest		33.62	
Chas. Dickinson Book Fund Interest		171.67	
DAR Book Fund Interest		44.69	

Revenue Cash Investments		175,000.00	
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue		200,000.00	
Sewage Project Loan		95,000.00	
Schools from Surplus Revenue		4,128.04	
	Total Payments	$ 1,802,829.60	
	Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1972	362,404.33	
		$ 2,165,233.93	

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		850.00
Transfer		462.65
Supplies	401.42	
Telephone	312.95	
Dues	140.00	
Meetings	350.70	
Advertisements	61.43	
Lawyer's Co-Op. Pub. Co.	46.15	1,312.65

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Transfer		46.70
Telephone	1.58	
Postage	8.00	
Supplies	51.82	
Book Binding	24.50	
Newspaper Advertisement	9.50	
Move Office Equipment	23.80	
Office machine repairs	18.45	137.65
Balance to Revenue	9.05	146.70

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Association Dues	8.00	
Supplies	386.23	
Treasurer's Bond	124.00	
Move office equipment	26.00	
Office machine repairs	14.80	

Telephone	3.78	
Other	54.59	617.40
Balance to Revenue	82.60	700.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		800.00
Transfer		500.00
Supplies	979.07	
Association Dues	8.00	
Equipment Contract	33.35	
Tax Collector's Bond	213.00	
Telephone	6.40	
Meetings, school	27.50	1,267.32
Balance to Revenue	32.68	1,300.00

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,000.00
Association Dues	27.00	
Supplies	288.98	
Registry of Deeds	174.75	
Telephone	12.86	
Computer Fund	172.75	
Office Equipment Service	66.10	
Travel	136.80	
Meetings	37.00	
Clerical Help	40.00	956.24
Balance to Revenue	43.76	1,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		150.00
Clerk's Bond	10.00	
Supplies & Postage	71.12	
Telephone	33.88	
Clerical	35.00	150.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		2,500.00
Surplus Revenue		300.00

Transfer		159.79
Registrars	418.00	
Elections	1,778.50	
Ballots	105.05	
Warrants	32.00	
Street Lists	250.00	
Supplies	54.60	
Voting Booths	321.64	2,959.79

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HALL

Appropriation		7,000.00
Transfer		226.20
Refunds		45.00
Custodians	3,386.23	
Supplies	108.44	
Fuel	1,391.09	
Electricity	351.07	
Water	119.75	
Highway Dept. Payroll	40.25	
Repairs	323.11	
Equipment	9.60	
Panic Device	166.12	
Special Hall License	25.00	
Plumbing	1,028.40	
Removal of stump & grass seed	57.17	
Slate House:		
Fuel	85.80	
Electricity	5.95	
Repairs	117.92	
Hwy. Dept. Payroll	27.30	
Water	28.00	7,271.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		4,200.00
Transfer		645.46
Cruiser Expense	3,083.95	
Supplies & Equipment	819.31	
Telephone	821.85	
Other	120.35	4,845.46

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Appropriation		500.00

Fire Chief	250.00	
Fire Warden	150.00	
Secretary	100.00	500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		6,000.00
Payroll	2,453.65	
Telephone	547.68	
Supplies and repairs	2,424.73	5,426.06
Balance to Revenue	573.94	6,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION AND GARAGE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer		7.20
Electricity	824.44	
Fuel	790.83	
Water	72.84	
Supplies & Repairs	198.14	
Highway Dept. Payroll	120.95	2,007.20

TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING

Appropriation		1,200.00
Payroll	1,115.50	
Supplies	28.80	
Hired Machinery	33.00	1,177.30
Balance to Revenue	22.70	1,200.00

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,200.00
Payroll	1,102.05	
Supplies	105.43	
Hired Machinery	675.00	
Repairs	10.65	1,893.13
Balance to Revenue	306.87	2,200.00

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		2,000.00
Payroll	142.50	

Supplies	594.75	
Hired Machinery	608.00	1,345.25
Balance to Revenue	654.75	2,000.00

HEALTH

Appropriation		2,000.00
Clinics	143.51	
Telephone	8.16	
Supplies	20.30	
Dog Officer	8.00	
Town Payroll	26.00	
Association Dues	6.00	
Physician	150.00	
Health Inspector	315.00	
Plumbing Inspector	244.00	
Vital Statistics	89.00	
Appraisal, Caldwell lot	300.00	1,309.97
Balance to Revenue	690.03	2,000.00

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		4,000.00
Surplus Revenue		8,000.00
Attendant	3,587.50	
Abalene	136.00	
Highway Patrol	1,995.95	
Hired Equipment	1,421.00	
Nfld. Sand & Gravel	709.18	
Fire Dept. Payroll	431.38	
Supplies	63.87	
Advertising	18.00	
West Northfield Dump	967.93	
Other	130.00	9,460.81
Balance to Revenue	2,539.19	12,000.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT

Appropriation		11,000.00
Payroll	6,470.16	
Supplies	338.87	
Electricity	1,727.05	

Telephone	82.85	
Water	39.00	
Hired Machinery	118.00	
Billing	300.00	
Other	33.25	9,109.18
Balance to Revenue	1,890.82	11,000.00

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Supplies	240.74	
Dues	10.00	
Insurance	15.00	
Office Equipment	85.00	
Other	39.65	390.39
Balance to Revenue	109.61	500.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		250.00
Association Dues	15.00	
Telephone	196.22	
Advertising	8.50	219.72
Balance to Revenue	30.28	250.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		12,000.00
Surplus Revenue		3,000.00
Transfer		217.17
Payroll	4,251.15	
Supplies & Repairs	7,998.82	
Gasoline	2,967.20	15,217.17

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		3,500.00
Surplus Revenue		5,000.00
Payroll	3,196.14	
Supplies	2,071.31	
Hired Machinery	246.00	
Engineering Survey	90.00	5,603.45

Balance to Revenue	2,896.55	8,500.00

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		10,500.00
Surplus Revenue		18,227.00
Transfer		6.29
Payroll	14,599.66	
Town Machinery	3,093.46	
Hired Machinery	670.50	
Materials	10,369.67	28,733.29

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		4,000.00
Surplus Revenue		8,000.00
Payroll	4,046.36	
Town Machinery	1,236.60	
Hired Machinery	1,044.88	
Materials	5,672.16	12,000.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		12,000.00
Surplus Revenue		5,000.00
Payroll	10,290.09	
Sand	1,045.99	
Salt	4,211.85	
Repairs and supplies	22.50	
Schell Hill hired equipment	575.00	
Sidewalks	618.00	
Other hired equipment	84.00	16,847.43
Balance to Revenue	152.57	17,000.00

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		11,821.00
County Dog Refund		389.82
State Aid		986.63
Transfer		37.35
Payroll	9,418.20	
Books & magazines	2,059.03	
Repairs	179.69	
Fuel	466.64	

Electricity	313.25	
Telephone	119.49	
Water	21.00	
Field Library	75.00	
Supplies	63.29	
Highway Payroll	119.80	
Clean drapes	73.80	
Summer Read. Prog. & Prizes	35.66	
Files	97.95	
Tuition & Travel	192.00	13,234.80

SCHOOLS

Appropriation		272,198.00
Teachers' Salaries	160,258.89	
Superintendent's Salary	4,163.99	
Admin. Assistant's Salary	2,049.96	
Clerks	4,220.49	
Custodians	10,002.42	
Travel	811.02	
Physician	750.00	
Nurse	900.00	
Transportation	38,844.82	
Textbooks	2,574.32	
Student Supplies	4,703.23	
Janitor Supplies	1,982.58	
Fuel	6,004.29	
Water and Current	4,210.28	
Repairs and Maintenance	4,975.63	
Special Project	2,807.50	
New Equipment	3,025.96	
Tuition	11,647.03	
Sundry	246.51	
Telephone	275.75	
Office Supplies	526.16	
Administrative Expense	64.30	
Cafeteria Salaries	2,385.57	
Superintendent Office Expense	1,164.78	
Visual Aids	458.72	
Testing	574.36	
"Gracie" Services	622.00	270,250.56
Balance to Revenue	1,947.44	272,198.00

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation		350.00
Transfer		89.88
Loud Speaker System	15.00	
PVRS Band	50.00	
Plants	172.70	
Marker Flags	202.18	439.88

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		415.00
Custodian	188.75	
Supplies	40.96	
Repairs	65.00	
Inspection Certificate	25.00	319.71
Balance to Revenue	95.29	415.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		5,000.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Graves	325.00	
Center Cemetery:		
Payroll	522.00	
Water	39.00	
Equipment	43.08	
Supplies	10.50	
Expenses	5.00	
West Northfield:		
Payroll	378.50	
Equipment	43.06	
Supplies	41.63	
Northfield Farms:		
Payroll	256.25	
Equipment	43.06	
Supplies	21.03	
Mount Hermon:		
Payroll	84.00	
Hired Machinery	139.50	

South Mountain:		
Payroll	6.00	2,032.61
Balance to Revenue	2,967.39	5,000.00

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1971		10.48
Receipts		535.64
Books	512.11	
Fuel	34.01	546.12

MAUDE MONTAGUE LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1971		1.34
Receipts		110.48
Books	60.90	
Water	18.00	
Supplies	31.75	110.65
Balance to 1973	1.17	111.82

MARTHA STANLEY LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1971		4.22
Receipts		31.58
Fuel	33.62	
Balance to 1973	2.18	35.80

CHAS. DICKINSON LIBRARY BOOK FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1971		6.67
Receipts		165.00
Books	171.67	171.67

D. A. R. BOOK FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1971		40.68
Receipts		5.48
Books	44.69	44.69
Balance to 1973	1.47	46.16

BALANCE SHEET, TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
For the Year Ending December 31, 1972
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash		345,897.33	Temp. Note in Anticipation of Federally	
Certificate of Deposit (Fed. Rev. Shar.)		16,507.00	Aided Project	95,000.00
			Loans Authorized Unissued	584,000.00
Loans Authorized		584,000.00	Costs on Taxes	24.00
			Road Machinery Fund	11,575.36
Accounts Receivable:			Overestimates 1972:	
Taxes:			State Parks & Reservations	893.50
Levy of 1972			Dog Licenses Collected for County	7.95
Personal Property	853.50		County Grant	
Real Estate	8,654.63	9,508.13	Dutch Elm Control	584.44
			School Lunch	938.70
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			Nat'l. Defense Education, Title III	320.66
Levy of 1971	460.99		Payroll Deductions:	
Levy of 1972	10,782.19	11,243.18	United Fund	.25
			Blue Cross-Blue Shield	287.34
Farm Animal Excise:			Life Insurance	6.52
Levy of 1972		115.36	Beautification Fund	105.06
			N'fld. Schools Gift-Sewage Project	2,242.00
Tax Title and Possessions:			Recreation Comm. Gift	133.94
Title	2,536.77		Sale of Real Estate	1,260.00
Possessions	292.87	2,829.64	Sale of Azuba Hill Lot	1,600.00

Sewer Use:		
Levy of 1972		444.00
Special Tax		440.55
Aid to Highways:		
State	37,924.90	
County	18,400.00	56,324.90
Federally Aided Public Works Project		147,663.00
Underestimates 1972		
County Tax	6,016.89	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Cont. Bd.	6.79	6,023.68
County Dog Officer		62.00

Sale of Cook Lot		2,709.37
Excess Sale of Land of Low Value		7,898.92
Sale of Cemetery Lots		3,862.12
Stabilization Fund		10,000.00
Trust Funds Income:		
Elisha Alexander Charity	1,553.96	
George F. Morgan Charity	1,223.51	
Roselle Evans Poor	293.96	
Starkweather Charity	3,190.00	
Belcher Center School	757.03	
Maude Montague Library	1.17	
Marina Stanley Library	2.18	
DAR Book	1.47	
Perpetual Care, Cemeteries Cent., Mt. Hermon, So. Mt.	5,583.04	
Northfield Farms	1,184.96	
West Northfield	2,980.85	
Mary Callender Lot	199.90	
Calvin Stearns Lot	230.90	17,202.93
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	138.60	
Levy of 1971	153.45	
Levy of 1972	10,924.46	11,216.51
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		20,902.16

	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
	Sewer Use	444.00	
	M.V. & Trailer Excise	11,243.18	
	Farm Animal Excise	115.36	
	Tax Title & Possessions	2,829.64	
	Special Taxes	440.55	
	Aid to Highways	56,324.90	
	Fed. Aid. Pub. Wks. Project	52,663.00	124,060.63
	Surplus Revenue		147,142.74
	P. L. 92-512 (Fed. Revenue Sharing)		16,507.00
	Appropriation Balances:		
	Assessors' Map	15,750.00	
	Master Plan	5,959.00	
	Police Transm. & Radios	2,525.00	
	Forest Fire Truck	11,983.05	
	Town Hall Sewer Conn.	17,672.90	
	Chapter 90 Const. 1971	18,109.13	
	Chapter 90 Const. 1972	28,800.00	
	Civil Defense	1,138.77	
	Survey of Schell Bridge	3,000.00	
	Tercentenary Comm.	15,638.82	120,576.67
$ 1,181,058.77			$ 1,181,058.77

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	6,000.00	Fire Station & Garage Loan	6,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
In Custody of Treasurer	149,806.41	Lottie Evans Charity	1,782.61
In Custody of Selectmen	10,323.00	Geo. F. Morgan Charity	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees	17,972.91	Roselle Evans Charity	500.00
		Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
		Belcher Ctr. Library	1,250.00
		Belcher Library	9,739.01
		Dickinson Book Fund	3,000.00
		Ina Merriman Library	2,182.01
		Maude Montague Library	2,009.60
		DAR Book Fund	100.00
		Marina Stanley Library	580.00
		Belcher Ctr. Cemetery	2,000.00
		Mary Callendar Cemetery	500.00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery	500.00
		James Cowles Cemetery	2,000.00
		W. Northfield Cemetery	9,342.49
		So. Mt., Mt. Hermon Cemetery	2,850.00
		P.C. Cemeteries	12,638.06

	Nfld. Farms Cemetery	4,301.69	
	Stabilization Fund	89,930.94	149,806.41
	In Custody of Selectmen:		
	Elisha Alexander Charity	2,020.00	
	Starkweather Charity	8,000.00	
	Flora Lane, Cent. Cem.	202.00	
	Lucretia Holton, West Nfld. Cemetery	101.00	10,323.00
	In Custody of Trustees:		
	Martha Alexander Charity		17,972.91
$ 178,102.32			$ 178,102.32

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 1972 the following applications came before the board and were disposed of as follows:

Conditional Permit granted Rose Leach to install a mobile home on Ferry Road.

Conditional Permit granted Brotherhood of the Spirit to change the Lorna Baldwin property on Mount Hermon Station Road from residential usage to communal living facility, and as a recreational, cultural or club facility.

An appeal of Selectmen's decision was not granted. The board voted not to overturn a selectmen's denial of a building permit to the Brotherhood of the Spirit for the construction of a barn on the Lorna Baldwin property on Mount Hermon Station Road. The board decision was subsequently overturned by the Superior Court and the permit was granted.

A conditional variance was granted Harlan Haven to construct an undersized hunting cabin on Gulf Road for limited usage.

A permit was granted to remove loam-granted to Frank Podlenski for Bennett Meadow property.

A permit was granted to remove loam to Western Massachusetts Electric Company for Bennett Meadow property.

A permit was denied Clyde Sargent to install a mobile home on East Northfield Road.

A conditional permit was granted Spencer Brothers, Inc. to change usage of Cooper property on Main Street from residential to commercial use.

A conditional permit was granted Henry Boyd for change of property on Millers Falls Road from residential to commercial.

A special permit was granted Norman Miller for replacement of mobile home on New Plain Road.

A special permit was denied Neal Smith to change use of Galvis property on Millers Falls Road from residential to community living for social rehabilitation. This decision was appealed to Superior Court at the end of the year.

A conditional permit was granted Gordon E. Derrig to install a mobile home on Birnam Road for a period of not more than two years.

An appeal of selectmen's decision was granted Alphonse Zbikowski to erect an addition to a building on Parker Avenue. Building permit was subsequently issued by the selectmen.

In conformity with a state requirement that the same persons may not serve on both the Board of Appeal and the Planning Board, in July Norman Fowler and John Carson resigned from the Board of Appeal, and were replaced by Norma Stearns and Stanley Gorzocoski.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD NEWTON
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1972

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires 1973
Rev. Philip N. Nelson, Secretary	Term expires 1975
Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires 1974

Meeting of the School Committee

The Regular Meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington

Westfield State College	B. S. E., M. Ed.
Springfield College	CAGS, Administration

Office-75 Main Street, Northfield-Telephone 498-2911

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin-B. A. in English and French

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page

Office Hours

School Days-8:00 A. M. to 4:30 p. m.
School Vacations-8:00 A. M. to 4:00 p. m.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley III-B. S., M. S. E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ansel B. True, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Judith Whitaker, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools open September 7, 1972	Close November 22, 1972
Schools open November 27, 1972	Close December 22, 1972
Schools open January 2, 1973	Close February 16, 1973
Schools open February 26, 1973	Close April 13, 1973
Schools open April 23, 1973	Close June 15, 1973

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Northfield School Committee, meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, has been involved in discussion and evaluation of administrative proposals relative to the improvement of program and building. They have supported a curriculum that allows flexibility, program assessment, evaluation of staff, pupil achievement, and support service projects and personnel.

This year's maintenance program provided aluminum storm windows on the west portion of the Center School, in an effort to reduce heat loss and provide maximum classroom comfort. Additionally they were able to tile three classrooms in an ongoing program to improve and replace wood floors. They also supplemented the media program with designated equipment and were further assisted by the donation of a kindergarten overhead projector from the Northfield Kiwanis. Furniture replacement continued with a flexible format of pupil desks and tables in Mrs. Perry's grade one. Continuous planning within each fiscal year has allowed the Committee to remain abreast of building needs, provide an excellent atmosphere for staff and pupil, and prevent crisis reaction to emergency needs.

The Committee also wishes to recognize the services of Mrs. Ruby North, a grade two teacher in Northfield and Mr. Edmund Weston, grade six teacher, for their combined service of twenty-two years to the citizens and children of Northfield. Their June 1972 retirement from the field of education prompted replacement in the persons of Mrs. Mary Anne Ladd, grade two, and Miss Roberta Sewell, grade six as well as Mrs. Margaret McAndrews, who joined the faculty at the grade five level.

The Committee wishes to express their appreciation to the total staff, professional and supplementary, whose consistent efforts make possible the high level of program in the Northfield Schools.

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman
Philip N. Nelson, Secretary
Thomas R. Shearer, Rep. to
P. V. R. S.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

The Northfield Elementary School opened its doors to 318 pupils on September 7, 1972, distributed within a K-6 program structure. This student population necessitates a two session Kindergarten, two grades at each level, and has been the most stable of our Union elementary building enrollments.

This summer Northfield Elementary students participated in a Title I Remedial Program with some (80) Union, K-6 students, in need of reinforced skills and background enrichment activities. As an out-growth of this program assessment, the administration has pursued regular school year follow-up proposals that possess support capability and reinforcement to the classroom program. Our success, educationally and economically, can be measured in funded provision for union remedial reading and arithmetic persons, and a learning disability teacher, inclusive of materials and equipment. In addition local budget resources provide on-site special education services and a speech program, thus eliminating transportation to Bernardston and Greenfield locations. To date, the Union has participated in Title I, II, and VI-B, funded projects that will furnish in excess of $45,000 worth of programs by June 1973. This support has assisted the system to move toward meeting student needs and the fulfillment of growing state mandates relative to special educational services. These programs have been in addition to existing itinerant personnel in the areas of Art, Vocal and Instrumental Music and Physical Education, within a shared union schedule.

Administratively the central office has provided the framework for a cost-conscious standardization of education materials and equipment, custodial supplies, vendor services and associated items conductive to increased bid procedures and bulk purchase savings. On the educational front, in-service programs and unified project proposals allow us to economically provide services normally considered beyond the resources of a single small community operation.

The evaluation and assessment of the pupil and teaching product has been strengthened by the implementation of a standardized test format possessing the capability to provide an analysis of program strengths and weaknesses. Staff in-service diagnosis of data has allowed us to provide direction and structure to our educational process and supplements an over-all concern for defining the educational priorities of our program. We feel that the identification of special pupil needs within a small group and individual setting, serviced by our support programs, reinforces teacher performance and assures teacher and parent that student needs will be identified, screened and serviced.

Internal curriculum concern this past year has centered on arithmetic, K-6, and completion of our English program in grades 2, 3, and 4, thus complementing grade 5 and 6 resources of a prior school year. Most importantly we have been able to rekindle K-12 coordination of skills in a number of areas, which we hope will articulate performance levels along a continuum, alerting each grade to skill and content expectations.

Expanded co-cirricular activities in the form of intramural flag football, baseball, field hockey, softball and a newly formed grade 5 and 6 chorus complements and enriches the total program.

Northfield's on-going maintenance program provides facilities at a level that allows justifiable citizen pride. Nonetheless, there is reason to investigate the potential for an all-purpose structure capable of providing combination cafeteria, physical education and shower facilities, a large group assembly area and kitchen units in keeping with current and foreseeable needs. We now find that our support services must function in very improvised areas, constantly subject to schedule movement physically less stimulating and limiting in space requirements. It remains within the purview of committee, administration, and community to determine viable alternatives to physical plant utilization in conformity with today's educational and recreational needs.

In summary, we see increased staff and parent involvement, program review, K-12 coordination. evaluation of staff and student needs and prescription techniques capable of leading the way to quality education at Northfield Elementary School. We anticipate greater background development through planned field trip exposure and continued Committee support of instituted programs. Above all, we seek to remain responsive to the needs of the community and its children in providing excellence of educational opportunity, now and in the future. We are especially appreciative of the encouragement and support provided by parent and town officials in this cooperative endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN F. HARRINGTON

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1972

	Appropriation 1972	Expended 1972	Budget 1973	18-month Budget
1000 ADMINISTRATION	$ 11,193.00	9,836.26	11,654.00	17,577.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	180,046.00	170,804.07	182,179.00	308,969.00
3000 OTHER SERVICES	42,110.00	42,939.60	41,445.00	65,433.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	25,880.00	31,703.21	31,468.00	48,076.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,445.00	1,587.36	1,526.00	2,304.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	824.00	1,733.03	903.00	1,454.00
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	10,700.00	11,647.03	14,463.00	23,130.00
TOTALS	$272,198.00	$270,250.56	$283,638.00	$466,943.00

TITLE II

Receipts, 1972	$523.11	
Disbursements, 1972	523.11	no balance

TITLE III

Balance forward 1/1/72	$320.66	
Balance forward to 1/1/73		$320.66

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1972

Expenditures (Elementary School)	$270,250.56

Expenditures (P. V. R. S., Northfield's share)	343,125.77	$613,376.33
Reimbursements:		
Tuition, Chapter 74	3,436.00	
Chapter 70	95,992.92	
Vocational transportation	3,427.00	
Transportation	16,349.63	
Special Education, Chap. 69-71	7,781.00	
State Aid to Towns in Reg. School Dist.	10,213.05	
	137,199.60	
Reimb. paid to P. V. R. S., Northfield's share	33,688.05	
Total reimbursements		170,887.65
Net cost of education		$442,488.68

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST

Year	Total Costs	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per pupil
1963	260,551.97	78,528.89	30.1	182,023.17	601	302.86
1964	278,088.76	85,656.90	30.8	192,431.86	616	312.49
1965	300,302.65	90,851.57	30.2	209,451.08	606	345.62
1966	320,726.79	85,893.18	26.7	234,833.61	624	376.33
1967	352,174.31	112,251.35	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16

1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09
1972	613,376.33	170,887.65	27.9	442,488.68	609	726.58

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	74	81	155
Between ages 5 and 7	42	36	78
Between ages 7 and 16	221	240	461

ENROLLMENT

Elementary School

		Boys	Girls	Total
Grade K		23	19	42
1		22	22	44
2		28	18	46
3		15	32	47
4		25	20	45
5		25	24	49
6		16	28	44
		154	163	317
7	P.V.R.S.	34	22	56
8		31	35	66
9		22	27	49
10		12	23	35
11		20	25	45
12		17	15	32
		136	147	283

	Boys	Girls	Total
Deerfield Special Class	1		1
Greenfield Vocational	5		5
Smith Vocational	3		3
Turners Falls High School	1		1
Mount Hermon-Northfield	9	10	19
Woods School		1	1
Austine School		1	1
Eaglebrook	1		1
Clarke School		1	1
Bement	1		1
Woolman Hill	2		2
Kurn Hatten	1		1
Mass. Hospital School	1		1
Pennsylvania	1		1
Cushing		1	1
Clinical Rehab.	1	1	2
	27	15	42

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1972

Opening cash balance			$ -916.58
Receipts	17,164.34		
Disbursements	15,324.92	1,839.42	
Closing cash balance			$ 922.84

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

A dental health program was conducted in February during Dental Health Week. Brochures and other related printed materials were distributed to all children. A classroom demonstration was given for the third graders with children participating.

In March, April and May, immunization clinics were held in cooperation with the Northfield Public Health Nurse. Drs. True and Fox administered the immunizations. It is now mandatory for all children to be immunized against diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, rubella and mumps.

In April, personal hygiene classes were held for fifth and sixth grade girls and their mothers.

Pre-kindergarten registration was in June. Dr. True was in attendance for physical examinations.

Vision tests were completed with (10) failures and hearing tests revealed (26) failures. All failures for vision and hearing are referred to a doctor for follow-up procedures. In addition normal weight and height records were up-dated.

During November and December, Dr. True did physicals on second and fifth graders, plus all new students, (110) physicals were given with (26) referrals.

A survey on immunization of kindergarten children was completed for the Department of Public Health.

I have attended in-service classes for school nurses in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Health. These classes are valuable and essential in keeping abreast with current legislation concerning school health programs. New policies and nursing functions were explained and discussed. Also current communicable disease information concerning immunizations was discussed. We see our conference function with teacher and parents as a critical component of our health program.

My sincere thanks go to all school personnel who have been very kind and cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDITH E. WHITAKER, R. N.
Northfield School Nurse

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

1972

Mr. John Senior, Chairman	Bernardston
Miss Anita Pike, Vice Chairman	Warwick
Mr. Claude Kenney	Bernardston
Mr. Neil Churchill	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Eva Baker	Leyden
Mrs. Lois N. Bean	Leyden
Mr. Thomas Shearer	Northfield
Mr. John Thayer	Northfield
Mr. Guy Cote	Northfield
Mrs. Helen Whipple	Warwick
Mrs. Fredericka Fellows	Warwick
Mr. Howard A. King	Treasurer
Mr. David E. Zellmer	Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

1972 was the year of our evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In May, 1972, a visiting committee consisting of nineteen (19) educators from the various New England States spent three and a half days evaluating every aspect of our school. To get ready for this May 1972 evaluation the staff spent a complete year of preparation and self-evaluation beginning in the Spring of 1971. In October, 1972, we were notified by the N. E. A. S. C. that we had our accreditation status renewed for a period of five years with two and five year reports to be completed and submitted to the N. E. A. S. C. by June, 1974, and June, 1977, respectively.

The general tone of the report was certainly a "positive" one. Some recommendations made by the visiting committee in the report had already been effected before the report was received with other recommendations acted upon during the latter months of 1972. Basically, the visiting committee commended our school, staff and school committee for the high level of effort put forth in meeting the needs of our student community, the self-evaluation process, the flexibility of programs within our space allocations, the rapport between pupil-teacher, teacher and administration and the community-at-large.

1972 also saw the birth of our Career Education Program with all proposals and information completed by the Steering Committee and submitted to the school committee for their approval in November, 1972, and their subsequent approval of Mr. Glenn Yankee as Director of Career Education in December, 1972. This program will make it possible to better serve the interests of many of our students and adequately prepare them for the world of work. Our projected Career Education Program is truly a "giant step" for Pioneer in its educational endeavors.

Certainly our Mini-Course Program during the week of June 12-16, 1972, was also a highlight of our 1971-72 school year. A variety of courses, seventy-three in all, were offered for student and faculty participation during this week. Both staff members and students jointly developed the courses under the direction of Miss Carolyn Hoskin and Mr. William Giles. Many community resource people were used as instructors and chaperones along with Pioneer faculty members and students. This program was truly a total "community-team" effort.

For the present 1972-1973 school year our school's professional staff totals fifty members with the addition of six faculty members. Full time personnel were added in industrial arts, reading and special education with part time instructors added in art, home economics and girls' physical education. We were also able to increase our library aide position to full time while adding a part-time office aide.

ENROLLMENT

Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 617. Our space and facility needs continue to be critical.

The enrollments as of December 1, 1972, were as follows:

	Boys	Girls
Grade 7	63	52
Grade 8	75	57
Grade 9	54	60
Grade 10	32	52
Grade 11	40	50
Grade 12	47	36
Totals	311	307

Town of:

	Nfld.	Bern.	Ley.	War.	T	Total
Grade 7	54	43	13	5		115
Grade 8	66	43	10	12	1	132
Grade 9	48	45	15	5	1	114
Grade 10	34	36	8	5	1	84
Grade 11	44	29	10	5	2	90
Grade 12	31	30	13	7	2	83
			Total			618

CURRICULUM

Many new, varied curriculum offerings were added to the Program of Studies for the 1972-1973 school year-Advanced Chemistry, Bachelor Living, Home Economics IV-was opened to all seniors both boys and girls, Topics in Math, Computer Topics, Shop Math, Civil Liberties, Comparative Governments, Honors II, Informal Geometry. These courses are a mixture of full-year and half-year offerings. Because of the increase in personnel this year, we have been able to fully utilize present facilities to their capacity thus affording our students more educational opportunities.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The Class of 1972 made plans for the future as follows:

4 year college	12	Work	31
Greenfield Community College	19	Service	1
Other 2 year schools	4	Marriage	4
Post Graduate	4	Undecided	5
Nursing	1		

IN CONCLUSION

1972 certainly was an extremely busy year for all concerned with our self-evaluation process, mini-course program, career education proposal, new courses, program formats. Indeed everyone "rose to the occasion" and for this I am most grateful.. However, in my five years as principal of Pioneer, I have found this to be typical of our school district. Teamwork is a prime factor in all formulas for success, and this factor was definitely demonstrated by all concerned during the year 1972.

My sincere thanks go to all concerned for their untiring efforts in behalf of their school and its students. I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM K. DECKER
Principal

HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

In late August all candidates for football were given a physical examination. During October and November all members of the cross-country squads, volleyball team, field hockey and cheer leading groups as well as potential candidates for the basketball team, who had not been examined for a fall sport, and all pupils of grade seven and ten were examined. Additional examinations will be performed as necessary on candidates of spring sports.

In October influenza immunizations were offered on a voluntary basis to all faculty and staff. Nineteen persons elected to receive these injections.

All girls' feet were checked for plantar warts. Eyes, ears, height and weight was checked on all students and proper referrals made.

Home nursing was taught to senior girls through the Home Economics Department, and attendance at (4) workshops for School Nurses at the Westfield State Hospital were made in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Streeter, R. N.
Marvin L. Thompson, M. D.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER
January 1-December 31, 1972

Balance on hand December 31, 1971

Capital	694.08	
Operational	4,717.18	
School Lunches	(365.55)	
Athletic Fund	1,018.85	
Band Account	306.86	
Student Scholarship Reserve Account	225.69	
Geo. Barden Fund-Evening Practical Arts	10.50	
National Defense Education Act:		
Title II	914.48	
Title III	1,829.48	
Title V	859.15	
Title VI	6.63	
Reserve for Maturing Debt (Savings Deposits)	12,006.60	22,223.95

RECEIPTS-CAPITAL

Reimbursement and aid on construction	44,695.17	
Interest on savings deposits	564.30	
Town of Bernardston, assessment	8,704.72	
Town of Leyden, assessment	3,005.94	
Town of Northfield, assessment	16,344.83	
Town of Warwick, assessment	3,256.44	76,571.40

RECEIPTS-OPERATIONAL

Reimb. for transportation, (bal. of 1971)	16,042.00
Reimb. for transportation, (44% of 1972)	25,675.32
Town of Bernardston, assessment	220,462.38
Town of Leyden, assessment	62,759.37
Town of Northfield, assessment	300,923.10

Town of Warwick, assessment	43,985.20	669,847.37	
Tuitions:			
Town of Greenfield	2,300.00		
Town of Gill	11,521.18		
Linden Hill Schools	2,300.00		
J & D Hensel	2,146.50		
State Wards	1,922.04		
Child Welfare	922.11	21,111.83	
Miscellaneous:			
Driver Ed. Fees	3,379.50		
Use of building	90.00		
Lost books & materials	137.46		
Broken window fine	364.76		
Shop projects	366.60		
U.S. Postal Service	76.50		
Special Education program	1,303.00		
Telephone commissions	86.96		
Various refunds	557.60		
Other receipts	126.44		
National Defense Act,			
Title II	857.01		
Title III	186.37		
School Lunches	34,724.39		
Band account	564.17		
Athletic account	3,063.70		
Student Scholarship Fund	1,249.25		
Temporary anticipation loan-1972-towns	100,000.00		
Temporary anticipation loan-1972	50,000.00	197,133.71	
			964,664.31
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND HOLDINGS			$986,888.26

DISBURSEMENTS-CAPITAL

Interest due May 1	110.00
Interest due November 1	55.00
Interest due January 1	4,468.75
Interest due July 1	4,468.75
Redemption of 2.20% bonds	5,000.00
Redemption of 2.75%	

bonds	65,000.00	79,102.50	
DISBURSEMENTS-OPERATIONAL			
Administration	19,120.30		
Instruction	496,180.36		
Other Services	82,472.92		
Operation & Maintenance	76,420.58		
Fixed Charges	26,476.16		
Interest on Temporary Loans	523.96		
Acquisition of Equipment	15,029.08	716,223.36	
School Lunches	36,162.69		
Athletic Association	2,593.37		
Band Account	867.46		
Student Scholarship Reserve Fund	1,093.65		
National Defense Act, Title II	1,766.70		
Payment temporary loan	100,000.00	142,483.87	
Balance on hand December 31, 1972:			
Capital	564.30		
Operational	(18,775.34)		
E & D Operating Surplus	4,717.18		
School Lunches	(1,803.85)		
Athletic Fund	1,489.18		
Band account	3.57		
Student Scholarship Reserve Fund	381.29		
National Defense Ed. Act.:			
Title II	4.79		
Title III	2,015.85		
Title V	859.15		
Title VI	6.63		
Geo. Barden Fund-Evening Practical Arts	10.50		
Reserve for Maturing Debt (Savings)	9,605.28		
Temporary note #14, 12/20/72 due 2/20/73	50,000.00	49,078.53	$986,888.26

TRUST ACCOUNTS-CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance on hand December 31, 1971		
Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund	1, 042. 33	
RECEIPTS		
Savings Interest	57.12	
Contributed by Mrs. Cronyn	50. 00	1, 149. 45
DISBURSEMENTS		
Scholarship grant-R. Trumbell	100. 00	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1972		
Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund	1, 049. 45	1, 149. 45

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING
Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1972

	Appropriation 1972	Expended 1972	Budget 1973	Budget 18 months
1000 ADMINISTRATION	$ 23,688.00	$ 19,120.30	$ 24,871.00	$ 37,677.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	486,424.00	496,180.36	556,377.00	926,036.00
3000 OTHER SERVICES	81,328.00	82,472.92	92,279.00	148,395.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	72,295.00	76,420.58	88,466.00	128,979.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES	25,905.00	27,000.12	27,951.00	46,304.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	16,392.00	15,029.08	30,559.00	38,428.00
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS			1,568.00	2,508.00
TOTALS	$706,032.00	$716,223.36	$822,071.00	$1,328,327.00

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
1972

Opening cash balance		$ -2,948.80
Total receipts	$ 34,964.69	
Total disbursements	36,392.66	-1,427.97
Closing cash balance		$ -4,376.77

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL BUDGET
1973

Maturing Debt, May		5,000.00	
Maturing Debt, July		65,000.00	
Interest $5,000 May	55.00		
Interest $260,000 Jan.	3,575.00		
Interest $260,000 July	3,575.00	7,205.00	77,205.00

Against this amount we are applying:

State Aid Building reimbursement	44,695.17	
Appropriate from:		
E & D Capital Surplus	564.30	
Savings Bank Withdrawal	2,401.32	47,660.79
To be asked from Towns		29,544.21

1973 shares

Bernardston	27.8%	8,213.29	
Leyden	9.6	2,836.24	
Northfield	52.2	15,422.08	
Warwick	10.4	3,072.60	29,544.21

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January 1, 1974-June 30, 1974

Interest, 195,000 January	2,681.25	2,681.25
Against this amount we appropriate from:		
E & D Capital Surplus	191.82	
Savings Bank withdrawal	1,200.66	1,392.48
To be asked from the Towns		1,288.77

1974 shares

Bernardston	27.8	358.28	
Leyden	9.6	123.72	
Northfield	52.2	672.74	
Warwick	10.4	134.03	1,288.77

Maturing debt, May		5,000.00	
Maturing debt, July		65,000.00	
Interest, $5,000, May	55.00		
Interest, $260,000, Jan.	3,575.00		
Interest, $260,000, July	3,575.00		
Interest, $195,000, Jan. '74	2,681.25	9,886.25	79,886.25
Against this we are applying:			
State Aid Building reimbursement		44,695.17	
Appropriate from:			
E & D Capital Surplus			
1972 Savings Bank Interest	564.30		
1973 Savings Bank interest	191.82		
Savings Bank withdrawal	3,601.98	4,358.10	49,053.27
			$30,832.98

To be asked from the Towns:

	Town Shares		
Bernardston	27.8%	9,571.57	
Leyden	9.6%	2,959.96	
Northfield	52.2%	16,094.82	
Warwick	10.4%	3,206.63	$30,832.98

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING BUDGET
January 1, 1973-December 31, 1973

Administration	24,871.	
Instruction	556,377.	
Other Services	92,279.	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	88,466.	
Fixed Charges	27,951.	
Acquisition of Equipment	30,559.	
Programs with other Schools	1,568.	$822,071.

Less the following credits:

Anticipated revenue:		
Transportation, 1972	25,092	
Transportation, 1971 balance	16,042	
Tuition	21,112	
Driver Education	2,377	
Miscellaneous	1,625	66,248
Net Operating Budget to be asked from Towns:		755,823
Bernardston	277,280.48	
Leyden	85,365.00	
Northfield	346,444.84	
Warwick	46,732.68	755,823.

January 1, 1974-June 30, 1974

Administration	$ 12,806	
Instruction	369,659	
Other Services	56,116	
Operation and Maintenance Plant	40,513	
Fixed Charges	18,353	
Acquisition of Equipment	7,869	
Programs with Other Schools	940	$506,256
Apportionment between Towns:		
Bernardston	185,724.58	
Leyden	57,178.14	
Northfield	232,051.38	
Warwick	31,301.90	$506,256

January 1, 1973-June 30, 1974

Administration	37,677
Instruction	926,036
Other Services	148,395

Operation and Maintenance Plant	128,979	
Fixed Charges	46,304	
Acquisition of Equipment	38,428	
Programs with Other Schools	2,508	1,328,327

Less the following credits:

Anticipated Revenue:		
Transportation, 1972	25,092	
Transportation, 1971 balance	16,042	
Tuition	21,112	
Driver Education	2,377	
Miscellaneous	1,625	66,248

Net Operating Budget to be asked from Towns	$1,262,079

Apportionment between Towns:

Bernardston	463,005.06	
Leyden	142,543.14	
Northfield	578,496.22	
Warwick	78,034.58	$1,262,079

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the fifth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Moderator for one year, one Selectman for three years, Town Treasurer for three years, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee Member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden for three years, one Planning Board Member for five years, one Sewer Commissioner for two years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years and one Board of Health Member for three years.

The polls will open at ten A. M. and close at eight P. M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 1973, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of

Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1973, or such current fiscal year as may be established by Act of the Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said financial or fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E, General Laws, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by a city or town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

The Board of Selectmen recommends.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, General Laws, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the calendar year 1973, and raise and appropriate the sums of money therefor, and raise and appropriate further sums of money for the maintenance of the several Departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

		1972	1973	1974	18 month total
Moderator, Salary & Expense		$ 70.00	$ 80.00	$ 40.00	$ 120.00
Selectmen		2300.00	2450.00	1225.00	3675.00
Chairman	$850.00				
Other members	800.00				
Expense		1312.65	1200.00	600.00	1800.00
Secretary		2052.69	1400.00	700.00	2100.00
Accountant		1700.00	1900.00	950.00	2850.00
Expense		146.70	100.00	50.00	150.00
Legal Expense		3500.00	2500.00	1250.00	3750.00
Treasurer		1800.00	1900.00	950.00	285.00
Expense		700.00	800.00	300.00	1100.00
Tax Collector		1500.00	1800.00	900.00	2700.00
Expense		1300.00	1200.00	600.00	1800.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs		500.00	350.00	150.00	500.00
Protection of Tax Title Property		25.00	15.00	10.00	25.00
Assessors		1925.00	2150.00	1075.00	3225.00
Chairman	$750.00				
Others	700.00				
Expense		1000.00	1100.00	500.00	1600.00
Town Clerk		1050.00	1150.00	575.00	1725.00
Expense		150.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
Election and Registration		2959.79	1800.00	700.00	2500.00

Planning Board Expense	100.00	800.00	300.00	1100.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	150.00	100.00	250.00
Nurse and Substitute	6500.00	6500.00	2600.00	9100.00
Expense	500.00	500.00	200.00	700.00
Clerk	2800.00	2800.00	1400.00	4200.00
Car Expense	500.00	500.00	300.00	800.00
Inspection of Animals	450.00	450.00	225.00	675.00
Interest Charges of Sewer Project	7300.00	6000.00	0	6000.00
Sewer Commissioners Salary	450.00	525.00	262.50	787.50
Each Commissioner $175.00				
Sewer Commission Expense	200.00	150.00	50.00	200.00
Highway Supt. Expense	250.00	300.00	150.00	450.00
Highway Tools	500.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	5046.95	5476.00	3024.00	8500.00
Sidewalks	500.00	1000.00	500.00	1500.00
Street Lights	11,172.50	11,500.00	5750.00	17,250.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00	200.00	150.00	350.00
Soldiers' Relief	5500.00	7000.00	3000.00	10,000.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	375.00	420.00	210.00	630.00
Finance Committee Expenses	125.00	125.00	50.00	175.00
Town Hall	7226.20	10,000.00	5000.00	15,000.00
Police Chief Salary	8750.00	9500.00	4875.00	14,375.00
Special Police Salaries	3500.00	4000.00	2000.00	6000.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	4845.46	5000.00	2500.00	7500.00
Police Dept. Secretary	203.84	1400.00	700.00	2100.00
Conservation Commission Expense		50.00	25.00	75.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00	550.00	275.00	825.00

Fire Dept. Operating Expense	6000.00	6000.00	3000.00	9000.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	1500.00	1500.00	750.00	2250.00
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
Water Holes	800.00	800.00	0	800.00
Maintenance of Fire Station	2007.20	2400.00	1200.00	3600.00
Public Safety	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
Wire Inspector	100.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	1200.00	1200.00	600.00	1800.00
Dutch Elm Control	2200.00	1900.00	900.00	2800.00
Insect and Pest Control	2000.00	1900.00	900.00	2800.00
Dog Officer and Expense	350.00	350.00	175.00	525.00
Civil Defense	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Board of Health	525.00	525.00	262.50	787.50
Each Member-$175.00				
Health	2000.00	2000.00	1000.00	3000.00
Dump Control	12,000.00	12,000.00	6000.00	18,000.00
PVRS School Comm. Exp.	300.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
Elementary Schools	272,198.00	283,638.00	183,305.00	466,943.00
PVRS Capital	16,344.83	15,422.08	672.74	16,094.82
PVRS Operating	300,923.10	346,444.84	232,051.38	578,496.22
Town Reports	1200.00	1500.00	1500.00	3000.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	439.88	500.00	300.00	800.00
Alexander Hall	415.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
Interest	1946.18	2000.00	1000.00	3000.00
Insurance	12,000.00	13,000.00	12,000.00	25,000.00
Chapter 32B	6500.00	13,000.00	7000.00	20,000.00
Town Clock	200.00	100.00	50.00	150.00

Land Damage	788.35	300.00	200.00	500.00
Historical Society Building	250.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00	25.00	0	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00	500.00	200.00	700.00
Recreation Commission Program	6125.00	6060.00	0	6060.00
Cemeteries	5000.00	5000.00	2500.00	7500.00
Fire Station Bond & Interest	3180.00	3180.00	3036.00	6144.00
Slate House		500.00	0	500.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, or employ a clerk, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary of such clerk, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $2,100.00.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways under the provisions of Chapter 81, and raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum of money for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state allotment, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $10,500 and to transfer $18,262.00.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for its share of Chapter 90 Highway Construction to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state and county allotments or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $6,700.00 and to transfer $20,100.00.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for its share of Chapter 90 Maintenance to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state and county allotments, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $4,000.00 and to transfer $8,000.00.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $11, 000. 00 from the Machinery Earnings Fund and appropriate from available funds $13, 000. 00 for the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $24, 000. 00.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way as set forth in Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum or sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the state under the provisions of said Act, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $42, 000. 00.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are or will be incorporated into the Town's sewage system.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $25, 238. 00.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money from the County, known as the "Dog Fund," for the Dickinson Memorial Library, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 as amended and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $375.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $20,234.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of additional furniture and furnishings for the children's room at the Dickinson Memorial Library, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $500.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town officials for microfilming town records, books about the Town, irreplaceable early editions and related materials to be selected with the assistance of the Historical Society and the Tercentenary Committee, together with a microfilm viewer, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $1,500.00.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money to provide additional or improved street lighting in the Town according to plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $6,065.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated to the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $600.00.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin, a sum or sums of money for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease Control, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen of the Town to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town; such contract to be for a term of not more than eighteen (18) months at seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500.00), and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Northfield-Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, a sum or sums of money to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the year 1973 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer $12,000.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for perpetual care of Lot #34, Northfield Farms Cemetery, from William M. Barnes, 635 South East Street, Amherst, Massachusetts, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 26. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to determine and carry out procedures necessary for planning for a Tercentenary Celebration for the Town in 1973, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to carry out its recommendations, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay the current expenses of the Regional Vocational School District originally known as the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 28. To hear the report of the committee appointed to study the Town Hall Kitchen and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to carry out its recommendations or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Pioneer Regional School District Agreement, as amended, by deleting the present Section 5g of the Agreement and substituting therefor the following: "g. The payment for proportionate shares of operating and capital costs of each of the Member towns for each year shall be made, upon certification by the District treasurer as specified in Section 9 below, by the respective town treasurers by check payable to the District in five equal installments on the fifteenth day of August, November, January, April and June, provided nevertheless that for the fiscal period beginning January 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974, such dates for said equal payments shall include the fifteenth days of January and April and June 1973, " and by adding the following new section 5h: "h. The fiscal year or period of the District shall be the same as the fiscal period of the Member Towns as provided by law, and the terms year, fiscal year, or calendar year as used in this Agreement to mean or refer to a fiscal or budget year shall mean the fiscal year of the District, " or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2, 500.00) to contract with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in establishing a prevention and treatment program for drugs and related problems with the Towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for Mental Health and Retardation Services for the citizens of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

ARTICLE 32. To hear any further report of the Regional Refuse District Committee or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote on the following question by printed ballot:

QUESTION: Shall the Town accept the provisions of Sections 44A to 44K, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a regional refuse district, together with the towns of Bernardston, Leyden and Gill, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional refuse disposal facility by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen? "

or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To hear the report of the Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee in relation to a waste disposal area and to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a suitable piece of equipment for compacting at the Town Dump, such sum or sums to be expended under the Revenue Sharing Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $10,000.00.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $1,000.00 to black-top the driveway in the front of the Northfield Fire Station, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for sealing joints in the so-called East Northfield sewer line and for making other necessary repairs in the sewer distribution system of the Town to prevent entrance of storm water to the Sewage Disposal Plant or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will accept as a gift from the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools a sum in connection with repair work to be done on the East Northfield sewer line or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money to supplement the appropriation provided under Article 3 at the special town meeting held on June 6, 1972, said funds to be used to complete the sanitary sewer for the Town Hall and to connect same to the sewer system, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new

Dump Truck and related equipment for the use of the Highway Department, may turn in for trade or may dispose of an old dump truck, such sum or sums to be expended under the Revenue Sharing Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $15,000.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new 3/4 ton pick-up or medium weight 4-wheel drive truck with plow and related equipment for the Highway Department, trade in or dispose of the old truck, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money therefor, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $6,000.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a sander body for use of the Highway Department, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $3,500.00.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of $860.00 for painting the hallways, 2nd floor and the main entrance of the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $860.00.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to purchase a duplicating machine and related equipment for use by the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to move the time of the Annual Town Meeting from March 1974 to April 1974, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Police cruiser and related equipment for the Police Department, turn in for trade or dispose of the present Plymouth cruiser, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) for the erection of an antenna on the Town Hall for the use of the Police Department, said antenna to take the place of the temporary antenna which was originally erected, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $500.00 for the installation, and $250.00 per year for maintenance of lighting of the existing Town Clock in the tower of the Unitarian Church, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of $5,000 for legal and engineering fees to acquire easements for the Sewage Disposal Plant, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy three.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Stanley J. Powers, Chairman
Carolyn B. Parenteau
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

A True copy. ATTEST: CONSTABLE

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